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| B.AU.MBCC98 | ---D--V----- |
| B.AU.MBCD36 | ----K-----V----- |
| B.CN.RL42 | -----F-----L |
| B.DE.D31 | -----F----- |
| B.DE.HAN | ----- |
| B.ES.89SP061 | ----- |
| B.FR.HXB2 | ----- |
| B.GA.OYI | ---I----- |
| B.GB.CAM1 | ----- |
| B.GB.MANC | ----K-----V----- |
| B.JP.JH31 | ----K--F----- |
| B.NL.3202A21 | -----F---V----- |
| B.TW.LM49 | -----I-- |
| B.US.85WCIPR54 | -----H---V----- |
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| B.US.DH123 | -----E |
| B.US.JRCSE | ----T----- |
| B.US.JRFL | ----- |
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| B.US.NC7 | -----I----- |
| B.US.NY5CG | ---R--F---V----- |
| B.US.P896 | ----K----- |
| B.US.RF | ----K---A----- |
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| B.US.WR27 | -----F----- |
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| C.BW.96BW0502 | -T-----A |
| C.BW.96BW1104 | -T--I-----E |

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| C.BW.96BW15B03 | -T-----F-----E |
| C.BW.96BW1626 | -T---K-----V-F--A |
| C.BW.96BW17A09 | -T---K----- |
| C.ET.ETH2220 | -T---K--F----- |
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| C.IN.93IN999 | -T-----H-----E |
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| F.RW.VI69 | -----V--F-- |
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| F1.FI.FIN9363 | -----I-V--F-- |
| F1.FR.MP411 | -----F--V----- |
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| F2.CM.MP257 | ----K--F--IVV--Y-- |
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| G.FI.HH8793 | -T--IK--F----- |
| G.NG.92NG083 | -T-----F----- |
| G.SE.SE6165 | -T--IK---A----- |
| CONSENSUS_H | -T---Q--F---V----- |
| H.BE.VI991 | -T-D-Q-----I-V----- |
| H.BE.VI997 | -T---x--F-----L- |
| H.CF.90CF056 | -T---K--F-L--V-----R |
| CONSENSUS_J | -T?-IK----- |
| J.SE.SE9173 | -T--IK----- |
| J.SE.SE9280 | -TQ-IK----- |
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| K.BE.VI325 | ----K--F---V----- |
| K.CD.EQTB11C | -----F-----W-- |
| K.CM.MP535 | ----IK-----I-V--F-- |
| N.CM.YBF30 | -----AL-V-----S |
| CONSENSUS_O | --??-?--W-AI?V-W--N |
| O.CM.ANT70C | --DS-Q--W-AIVV-W--N |
| O.CM.MVP5180 | --D-K--W-AI-V-W--N |
| CRF01-AE.CF.90CF40 | ----K--F--I--W---- |

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| CRF01-AE.TH.CM240 | -L---K--F-----W---- |
| CRF01-AE.TH.TH022 | -----F-----W---- |
| CRF01-AE.TH.TH047 | -----F--IV--W---- |
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| CRF02_AG.FR.DJ264 | ----K-----I--W---- |
| CRF02_AG.NG.IBNG | ----K--F--I--W---- |
| CRF03_AB.RU.KAL15 | ----K----- |
| CRF04_cpx.CY.94CY0 | -----IT--W---- |
| CRF04_cpx.GR.97PVC | ---VK--F--L--W---- |
| CRF04_cpx.GR.97PVM | ----K--F-LI--W---- |
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| AC.SE.SE9488 | -T--IK--F----- |
| AC.ZM.ZAM174-21 | -T-----F--A-----E |
| AC.ZM.ZAM184 | -T-DI-----V--Y-- |
| AC.ZM.ZAM716-17 | -T-----F-----A |
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| AD.SE.SE6954 | ----K--F-----A |
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| ADHU.NO.NOIIL3 | ----K--F-L--V-W---- |
| ADU.CD.MAL | ----IK----- |
| AG.NG.G3 | -T--IK--F----- |
| AG.SE.SE7812 | ----K--F--I--W---- |
| AGHU.GA.VI354 | ----K--F----- |
| AGJ.AU.BFP90 | ----K--F----- |
| AGJ.ML.95ML8 | ----K----- |
| AGU.CD.Z321 | -T--II----- |
| BF.BR.93BR029.4 | ----- |
| DF.CD.VI961 | -----E |
| U.CD.VI1126 | -----F--V--W---- |
| CONSENSUS_CPZ | ---g---F--l-V-W---s |
| CPZ.CD.CPZANT | R-P-II--F--ICV-W---K |
| CPZ.GA.CPZGAB | ---G---F--L-V-W-I-S |
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A.SE.SE8131 -----H---M---I
A.SE.SE8538 -----I
A.SE.SE8891 -----G---M---I
A.UG.92UG037 -----M---I
A.UG.U455 -----M---V

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B.AU.MBCC54 -----
B.AU.MBCC98 -----
B.AU.MBCD36 --T-----
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B.ES.89SP061 -----
B.FR.HXB2 -----
B.GA.OYI ----A-----
B.GB.CAM1 -----
B.GB.MANC -----I-----
B.JP.JH31 -----
B.NL.3202A21 -----
B.TW.LM49 -----
B.US.85WCIPR54 -----
B.US.AD8 -----
B.US.BC -----
B.US.DH123 -----
B.US.JRCSE -----
B.US.JRFL -----
B.US.MNCG -----
B.US.NC7 -----
B.US.NY5CG -----
B.US.P896 -----
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C.BW.96BW1104 --T-----T-

C.BW.96BW1210 --T-----
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C.ET.ETH2220 --T-----
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CONSENSUS_F -----
F.BR.BZ162 -----
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F.RW.VI69 -----

CONSENSUS_F1 -----
F1.BE.VI850 -----T-----
F1.BR.93BR020.1 -----
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CONSENSUS_K -----
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CRF02_AG.FR.DJ263 --T-----M---I
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Study Subject Clone:

Sequence: Known reactive 20Mer0: GSEELRSLYNTVATLYCVHQ p17(71-90)

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| (4-12) | ELRSLYNTV | A*0201 |
| (7-15) | SLYNTVATL | A*0201 |
| (4-12) | ELRSLYNTV | A*0202 |
| (7-15) | SLYNTVATL | A*0202 |
| (7-15) | SLYNTVATL | A*0204 |
| (7-15) | SLYNTVATL | A*0205 |
| (11-18) | TVATLYCV | A*0206 |
| (4-12) | ELRSLYNTV | A*0214 |
| (7-15) | SLYNTVATL | A*0214 |
| (11-18) | TVATLYCV | A*0214 |

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| A*0201 | X[LM]XXXXXX[VL] |
| A*0201 | X[LM]XXXXXX[VL] |
| A*0201 | X[LM]XXXXXXXX[VL] |
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| A*0204 | X[L]XXXXXX[L] |
| A*0204 | X[L]XXXXXXXX[L] |
| A*0205 | X[VLIMQ]XXXXXX[L] |
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| A*0206 | X[V]XXXXXX[V] |
| A*0206 | X[V]XXXXXX[V] |
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| A*0207 | X[L][D]XXXXXX[L] |

A*0207 X[L][D]XXXX[L]
A*0207 X[L][D]XXXXXX[L]
A*0214 X[VQL]XXXXXX[LV]
A*0214 X[VQL]XXXXXX[LV]
A*0214 X[VQL]XXXXXX[LV]

This table lists epitopes that are experimentally observed to be presented by a HLA type carried by the patient, but the defined epitope has substitutions relative to the peptides from your reference strains and so might be missed by your reagents: in HXB2 for Gag, Pol; MN for Env; BRU for Nef, relative to most B clade Sequences in the database:

| Protein | Epitope in Database | Epitope in Ref. strain | Epitope in Consensus B | HLA | Notes |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| p17(77–85) | SLFNTVATL | SLYNTVATL | SLYNTVATL | A*0201 | |
| Protease(3–11) | ITLWQRPLV | VTLWQRPLV | ITLWQRPLV | A*6802,A*7401,A19 | |
| Protease(3–11) | ITLWQRPLV | VTLWQRPLV | ITLWQRPLV | A*7401 | |
| RT(179–187) | VIYQYMMDL | VIYQYMDDL | VIYQYMDDL | A2 | |
| RT(179–187) | VIYQYMMDL | VIYQYMDDL | VIYQYMDDL | A2, A*0202 | |
| RT(308–317) | EILKEPVGHV | EILKEPVHGV | EILKEPVHGV | A*0201 | |
| RT(436–445) | GVETFYVDGA | GAETFYVDGA | GAETFYVDGA | B45 | |
| gp160(121–129) | KLTPLCVSL | KLTPLCVTL | KLTPLCVTL | A2 | |
| gp160(156–165) | NCSFNISTSI | NCSFNITTSI | NCSFNITTSI | Cw*08 | |
| gp160(156–165) | NCSFNISTSI | NCSFNITTSI | NCSFNITTSI | Cw8 | |
| gp160(192–200) | KLTSNTSV | RLISNTSV | RLISNTSV | A2 | |
| gp160(192–200) | TLTSNTSV | RLISNTSV | RLISNTSV | A2 | |
| gp160(192–200) | TLTSNTSV | RLISNTSV | RLISNTSV | A2.1 | |
| gp160(239–247) | CTNVSTVQC | CKNVSTVQC | CTNVSTVQC | Cw8 | |
| gp160(311–320) | RGPGRAFVTI | IGPGRAFYTT | IGPGRAFYTT | A*0201 | |
| gp160(311–320) | RGPGRAFVTI | IGPGRAFYTT | IGPGRAFYTT | A2 | |
| gp160(311–320) | MGPKRAFYAT | IGPGRAFYTT | IGPGRAFYTT | A2 | |
| gp160(369–375) | PEIVTHS | PEIVMHS | PEIVMHS | A2 | |
| gp160(377–387) | NSGGEFFYSNS | NCGGEFFYCNT | NCGGEFFYCNT | A2 | |
| gp160(700–708) | AVLSVVNRV | AVLSIVNRV | AVLSIVNRV | A2 | |
| gp160(747–755) | RLVNGSLAL | RLVHGFLAI | RLVDGFLAL | A2 | |
| gp160(770–778) | RLRDLLIV | HHRDLLLLIA | RLRDLLIV | A*0201 | |
| gp160(813–822) | SLLNATDIAV | SLLNATAIAV | SLLNATAIAV | A*0201 | |
| gp160(813–822) | SLLNATDIAV | SLLNATAIAV | SLLNATAIAV | A2 | |
| gp160(813–822) | SLLNATDIAV | SLLNATAIAV | SLLNATAIAV | A2.1 | |
| gp160(814–822) | LLNATDIAV | LLNATAIAV | LLNATAIAV | A2 | |
| Nef(136–145) | PLTFGWCFKL | PLTFGWCYKL | PLTFGWCFKL | A2 | |

Table 1: **p17**

| HXB2 Location | Author Location | Sequence | Immunogen | Species(HLA) | References |
|---------------|--|-----------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 Clade A) | SLFNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Dorrell (1999)] |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: CTL responses in three individuals with non-clade B infections were studied, 2 with subtype A infections, 1 with subtype C – their infections all originated in East Africa • This epitope is most commonly SLYNTVATL in B subtype, and CTL from the C subtype infection did not recognize B clade gag or the 3Y form of the epitope, but do recognize the predominant A and C clade form, SLFNTVATL | | | | |

Table 2: **Protease**

| HXB2 Location | Author Location | Sequence | Immunogen | Species(HLA) | References |
|----------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Protease(3–11) | Protease(71–79 LAI) | ITLWQRPLV | | human(A*6802,A*7401,A*7402) | [Ding (1998)] |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predicted on binding motif, no truncations analyzed • Clade A/B/D consensus, S. Rowland-Jones, pers. comm. | | | | |
| Protease(3–11) | RT(71–79 A/B/D) | ITLWQRPLV | ? | human(A*7401) | [Brander & Goulder(2001)] |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Brander notes this is an A*7401 epitope | | | | |

Table 3: **RT**

| HXB2 Location | Author Location | Sequence | Immunogen | Species(HLA) | References |
|---------------|-------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------|--|
| RT(179–187) | RT() | VIYQYMMDL | HIV-1 exposure | human(A2) | [Rowland-Jones (1998a)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A CTL response was found in exposed but uninfected prostitutes from Nairobi using previously-defined B clade epitopes that tended to be conserved in A and D clades – such cross-reactivity could protect against both A and D and confer protection in Nairobi where both subtypes are circulating • The A and D consensus sequences are both VIYQYMMDL | | | |
| RT(179–187) | Pol() | VIYQYMMDL | HIV-1 exposure | human(A2, A*0202) | [Rowland-Jones (1998b)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV-specific CTL were found in exposed seronegative prostitutes from Nairobi – these CTL may confer protection • Seroprevalence in this cohort is 90-95% and their HIV-1 exposure is among the highest in the world • Most isolated HIV strains are clade A in Nairobi, although clades C and D are also found – B clade epitopes are often cross-reactive, however stronger responses are frequently observed using A or D clade versions of epitopes • This epitope is conserved among A, B and D clade viruses | | | |
| RT(308–317) | RT() | EILKEPVGHV | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [van der Burg (1997), Menendez-Arias (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognized by CTL from a long-term survivor, SPIETVPVKL was also recognized • Recognized by CTL from a progressor, EELRQHLLRW and TWETWWTEYW were also recognized | | | |
| RT(436–445) | Pol(591–600 IIIB) | GVETFYVDGA | HIV-1 infection | human(B45) | [Wilson (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This study describes maternal CTL responses in the context of mother-to-infant transmission • Detection of CTL escape mutants in the mother was associated with transmission, but the CTL-susceptible forms of the virus tended to be found in infected infants • No variants of this epitope were found in a non-transmitting mother who had a CTL response to it • This epitope spans the Pol p66 RT – p15 (RNase) domain | | | |

Table 4: **gp160**

| HXB2 Location | Author Location | Sequence | Immunogen | Species(HLA) | References |
|----------------|--|------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| gp160(121–129) | gp120(121–129) | KLTPLCVSL | <i>in vitro</i> stimulation | human(A2) | [Zarling (1999)] |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This study compares the ability of macrophages and dendritic cells to stimulate primary responses in CD8+ lymphocytes isolated from HLA-appropriate HIV-uninfected donors using peptide-pulsed APC – the dendritic cells performed better as APC for the stimulation of primary responses • Strong CTL responses were elicited by the epitopes DRFYKTLRA and GEIYKRWII when presented by either immature or mature dendritic cells – macrophages were not able to prime a CTL response against DRFYKTLRA • A weak response to KLTPLCVSL was stimulated using macrophages as the APC • No detectable response was observed for the following previously-defined HIV epitopes: KIRLRPGGK, ILKEPVHGV, IRLRPGGK, GPKVKQWPL | | | | |
| gp160(156–165) | gp120(156–165) | NCSFNISTSI | HIV-1 infection | human(Cw*08) | [Ferris (1999)] |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognized by CTL clone LWF A5, isolated from a lab worker exposed to HIV-1 in 1985 • The processing of this epitope is TAP1/2-dependent, as are most Env epitopes, and it contains two N-linked glycosylation sites that are glycosylated in Env • Only peptide that has been deglycosylated, a process that changes asparagine (N) to aspartic acid (D) was recognized: the aspartic acid at position 5 was critical, position 1 could be either D or N • This peptide also contains a Cys involved in a disulfide linkage but reducing conditions did not effect recognition by CTL clone LWF A5 • The HIV-1 Env epitopes are typically processed by a TAP1/2 dependent mechanism, which involves cotranslational translocation into the ER, glycosylation, export back into the cytosol, and deglycosylation for processing, and retransport into the ER for the association with class I molecules • The particular pathway of generating an epitope may have an impact on the presentation of that epitope, quantitatively as well as qualitatively | | | | |
| gp160(156–165) | gp120(156–165 IIIB) | NCSFNISTSI | HIV-1 infection | human(Cw8) | [Sipsas (1997)] |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV IIIB proteins were used to define the range of CTL epitopes recognized by 3 lab workers accidentally infected with HIV-1 IIIB • NCSFNITTSI, a variant found in HIV-1 MN, was not recognized, thus this epitope was type-specific • NCSFNISTSI contains two potential N-linked glycosylation sites and cysteine residue, possibly related to the requirement for a high sensitizing dose of peptide for CTL activity | | | | |
| gp160(192–200) | gp120(192–199 HXB2R) | KLTSNTSV | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Brander (1995)] |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope predicted on HLA binding motif, and studied in the context of inclusion in a synthetic vaccine | | | | |
| gp160(192–200) | gp120(197–205) | TLTSNTSV | no CTL shown | human(A2) | [Garboczi (1992)] |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystallization of HLA-A2 molecules complexed with antigenic peptides – refers to Dadaglio <i>et al</i> 1991 | | | | |

| HXB2 Location | Author Location | Sequence | Immunogen | Species(HLA) | References |
|----------------|---------------------|--|--|---------------|---------------------------|
| gp160(192–200) | gp120(199–207) | TLTSCNTSV | peptide immunization and HIV-1 infection | human(A2.1) | [Brander (1996)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This epitope was recognized by PBMC from 6/14 HIV+ asymptomatic patients • This epitope was used along with pol CTL epitope ALQDSGLEV and a tetanus toxin T helper epitope for a synthetic vaccine • This vaccine failed to induce a CTL response, although a helper response was evident | | | |
| gp160(239–247) | gp120(241–249 LAI) | CTNVSTVQC | HIV-1 infection | human(Cw8) | [Sipsas (1997)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV IIIB proteins were used to define the range of CTL epitopes recognized by 3 lab workers accidentally infected with HIV-1 IIIB • CTNVSTVQC contains a potential N-linked glycosylation site and cysteine residues, possibly related to a requirement for a high sensitizing dose of peptide for CTL activity | | | |
| gp160(311–320) | gp160(318–327 IIIB) | RGPGRFVFI | CTL line from HIV-donor | human(A*0201) | [Alexander-Miller (1996)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This immunogenic peptide does not have the known binding motif for A2.1 • The same optimal peptide for this human HLA-A2.1 epitope was observed for a murine H-2 D^d epitope | | | |
| gp160(311–320) | gp160(318–327 IIIB) | RGPGRFVFI | vaccinia IIIB gp160 | human(A2) | [Achour (1996)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual was immunized with rec vaccinia gp160 IIIB and boosted with purified gp160 • Lysis only occurs with IIIB P18 peptide pulsed onto autologous targets; MN, RF, SIMI P18 peptides fail to stimulate CTL • Restimulating immune cells from gp160 IIIB vaccinees with MN, RF, or SIMI P18 did not enhance the MN, RF, or SIMI specific CTL response | | | |
| gp160(311–320) | gp160(318–327 SIMI) | MGPKRAFVFI | vaccinia SIMI gp160 | human(A2) | [Achour (1996)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual was immunized with rec vaccinia gp160 SIMI and boosted with purified recombinant gp160 SIMI • P18 MN and RF peptides were able to stimulate the HIV-specific CTL that arose in response to the SIMI vaccination, thus the P18 MN peptide (IGPKRAFVFI) and the P18 RF peptide (KGPKRFVFI) could cross-react • The P18 IIIB peptide does not cross-react (RGPGRFVFI in the epitope region) • gp160 SIMI primed immune cells could generate a significantly broader specificity when stimulated with P18 MN or P18RF peptides, but not P18 IIIB | | | |
| gp160(369–375) | gp120(374–380 BRU) | PEIVTHS | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Dadaglio (1991)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defined through blocking CTL activity, and Env deletions | | | |
| gp160(377–387) | gp120(377–387) | NSGGEFFYSNS | | human(A2) | [Hickling (1990)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peptides recognized by class I restricted CTL can bind to class II | | | |

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|----------------|--|------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| gp160(700–708) | gp41(705–714) • This epitope is processed by a TAP1/2 dependent mechanism | AVLSVVNRV | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Ferris (1999)] |
| gp160(747–755) | gp41(747–755) • Studied in the context of HLA-A2 peptide binding | RLVNGSLAL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Parker (1992)] |
| gp160(770–778) | Env(679–777) • CTL responses in six patients to four Env epitopes were studied: D2: LLNATAIAV, 5.3: RLRDLLLLIV, D1: KLTPLCVTL, and 4.3: QMHEDIISL – all have A2 anchor residues • The C terminal epitopes (D2 and 5.3) were highly variable and the variability was considered responsible for limited CTL response, while D1 and 4.3, N-terminal epitopes, were much more conserved and gave evidence of high levels of CTL response <i>in vitro</i> • Peptides 5.3 and D2 bound to HLA A*0201 with low affinity and were variable, particularly D2; | RLRDLLLLIV | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Kmieciak (1998)] |
| gp160(813–822) | gp41(814–823 LAI) • Of two CTL clones, one reacted only with 815-823, the other with 814-823 and 815-823 • Noted to be A*0201 in Brander <i>et al.</i> , 1999 database | SLLNATDIAV | MN rec gp160 | human(A*0201) | [Dupuis (1995)] |
| gp160(813–822) | gp41(814–823) • Allogeneic dendritic cells (DCs) were obtained from HLA-identical siblings, pulsed with rgp160 MN or A2-restricted HIV-1 epitope peptides, and infused monthly into six HIV-infected patients • 1/6 showed increased env-specific CTL and increased lymphoproliferative responses, 2/6 showed increase only in proliferative responses, and 3/6 showed no change – pulsed DCs were well tolerated • SLLNATDIAV is a conserved HLA-A2 epitope included in this study – 4/6 patients had this sequence as their HIV direct sequence, and 3 of these had a detectable CTL response – the other two had either the sequence SLFNAIDIAV or SLLNTTDIVV and no detectable CTL response • CTL demonstrated against peptide-coated target, epitope is naturally processed and enhancible with vaccine | SLLNATDIAV | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Kundu (1998b)] |
| gp160(813–822) | Env(814–823 Clade B) • Ten HIV-1+ HLA A2 asymptomatic individuals were given two courses of HIV-1 MN rgp160 vaccine over a 2 year period • Two hundred and fifty three HIV-1 peptides of 9 or 10 aa possessing the HLA-A2.1 binding motif (Leu at position 2, Val at the C terminus) were identified in gp160, of which 25 had a high or intermediate binding affinity • Eleven peptides were studied that had high HLA-A2 binding affinity – a CTL response was detected to 9/11 peptides in at least 1 individual • CTL responses after reimmunization may include recall responses – only individuals with vaccine cross-reactive sequences prior to vaccination showed detectable CTL responses • CTL to overlapping peptides in this region gave a positive response in the greatest number of patients • ALTERNATIVE EPITOPES: LLNATDIAV and LLNATDIAVA – CTL were induced by vaccine in those that had the sequence SLLNATAIAVA in their own infection, but not in those with: NLLNTIAIAVA or NLFNTTIAIAVA or SLLNATAITVA | SLLNATDIAV | HIV-1 MN rgp160 | human(A2.1) | [Kundu (1998a)] |

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| gp160(814–822) | gp41(815–823 LAI) | LLNATDIAV | MN rec gp160 | human(A2) | [Dupuis (1995)] |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Of two CTL clones, one reacted only with 815-823, the other with 814-823 and 815-823 | | | | | |

Table 5: **Nef**

| HXB2 Location | Author Location | Sequence | Immunogen | Species(HLA) | References |
|---|-----------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Nef(136–145) | Nef(136–145) | PLTFGWCFKL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Durali (1998)] |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross-clade CTL response was studied by determining the CTL activity in seven patients from Bangui, (6 A subtype, and 1 AG recombinant infections) and one A subtype infection from a person living in France originally from Togo, to different antigens expressed in vaccinia Pol reactivity: 8/8 had CTL to A subtype, and 7/8 to B subtype, and HIV-2 Pol was not tested Gag reactivity: 7/8 reacted with A or B subtype gag, 3/8 with HIV-2 Gag Nef reactivity: 7/8 reacted with A subtype, and 5/8 with B subtype, none with HIV-2 Nef Env reactivity: 3/8 reacted with A subtype, 1/8 with B subtype, none with HIV-2 Env Patient B18 had the greatest breadth and diversity of response, and recognized Gag SLYNTVATL and Nef PLTFGWCFKL | | | | | |

Table 6: **All Defined Epitopes within the 20mer, regardless of HLA type**

| HXB2 Location | Author Location | Sequence | Immunogen | Species(HLA) | References |
|---------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| p17(71–79) | p17(71–79 LAI) • P. Goulder, pers. comm. | GSEELRSLY | | human(A1) | [Brander & Walker(1996)] |
| p17(71–79) | p17(71–79) • A study of p17 variation considering known p17 epitopes and individuals with known HLA types revealed that p17 evolution is influenced by immune pressure from CTLs | GSEELRSLY | HIV-1 infection | human(A1) | [Birk (1998)] |
| p17(71–85) | p17(71–85 SF2) • Of 25 patients, most had CTL specific for more than 1 HIV-1 protein • Twelve subjects had CTL that could recognize vaccinia-expressed LAI gag • One of these 12 had CTL response to this peptide • The responding subject was HLA-A1, A11, B8, B27 | GSEELRSLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human() | [Lieberman (1997)] |
| p17(74–82) | p17() • Noted by Brander to be a B*0801 epitope | ELRSLYNTV | | human(B*0801) | [Brander & Goulder(2001)] |
| p17(74–82) | p17() • Defined in a study of the B8 binding motif | ELRSLYNTV | | human(B8) | [Goulder (1997c)] |
| p17(74–82) | p17(74–82) • A study of p17 variation considering known p17 epitopes and individuals with known HLA types revealed that p17 evolution is influenced by immune pressure from CTLs | ELRSLYNTV | HIV-1 infection | human(B8) | [Birk (1998)] |
| p17(76–86) | p17(74–86 LAI) • C. Brander notes this is an A*3002 epitope | RSLYNTVATLY | | human(A*3002) | [Brander & Goulder(2001)] |

| HXB2 Location | Author Location | Sequence | Immunogen | Species(HLA) | References |
|---------------|---|-------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| p17(76–86) | p17() | RSLYNTVATLY | HIV-1 infection | human(A*3002) | [Goulder (2000)] |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CTL-dominant response was focused on this epitope in a single HIV+ individual from Boston – this epitope fell outside the most recognized peptides in the study • Three peptides GSEELRSLYNTVATL (p17 residues 71-85), SALSEGATPQDLNTMLNTVG (p24 41-60), and WEKIRLRPG-GKKKYKLK(p17 16-30) contained the dominant Gag-specific epitope in 31 out of 44 B-clade infected individuals from Boston who showed Gag-CTL responses • Five peptides RLRPGGKKHYMIKHLVW (p17 20-36), ELRSLYNTVATLYCV (p17Gag 74-88), SALSEGATPQDLNTMLNTVG (p24 41-60), FRDYVDRFFKTLRAEQA (p24 161-177), and SILDIKQGKEPFRDY (p24 149-164) contained dominant Gag-specific epitopes in 32 out of 37 C-clade infected subjects from South Africa | | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*02) | [Huang (2000)] |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The single cell ELISPOT assay was optimized and highly specific, and found to work well even after the primary cells had been frozen and thawed • Increases in gamma IFN producing cells were observed in response to anti-retroviral therapy using single cell IFN-gamma-production ELISPOT • 4/8 A*02 subjects had a positive response to this epitope indicating that it is a major epitope for CD8+ gamma IFN production • In 3/3 HLA A*02, B*27 individuals, the dominant response in gag measured by both gamma IFN production and T cell lysis was a B27 epitope, p24(263-272), not the A2 SLYNTVATL epitope | | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 HXB2) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Brander (1999)] |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Multiple natural variations in the SL9 flanking regions of the immunodominant epitope SLYNTVATL were tested and found not to adversely affect CTL recognition or prevent epitope processing, suggesting that viral escape from the HLA-A*0201-restricted CTL response against SLYNTVATL is probably not linked to variations in the flanking regions of this epitope • The substitution Y79F was an escape mutation in that it interfered with CTL recognition by one CTL clone from an A*0201 infected individual, clone 13010.B17, but it was still recognized by another CTL clone, 115.D4 | | | | |
| p17(77–85) | Gag() | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Tan (1999)] |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoptive transfer of two autologous <i>in vitro</i>-expanded CTL clones against the A*0201 restricted epitopes SLYNTVATL and VIYQYMDDL were infused into a patient – they were well tolerated, but the SLYNTVATL clone was shown by tetramer staining to be rapidly eliminated through apoptosis, and the treatment had no impact upon viral load and CD4 and CD8 cell counts | | | | |

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|---------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Betts (2000)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 4/11 HLA-A2+ HIV+ individuals had CTL that reacted to SLYNTVATL, calling into question whether it is immunodominant • Ninety five optimally defined peptides from this database were used to screen for gamma interferon responses to other epitopes • Individuals that did not respond to SLYNTVATL recognized other HIV epitopes, and 2/4 SLYNTVATL responders had stronger responses to epitopes restricted by other class I alleles • SLYNTVATL was the only response detected in a one individual that was HLA A*0201, B44, B70 | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Ogg (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: CTL effector levels were measured after potent ARV therapy using HLA-tetramer complexes for the A*0201 epitopes SLYNTVATL and ILKEPVHGV in seven patients, and the B*3501 epitope DPNPQEVVL in one additional patient • Levels of CTL effectors typically decline for 5-7 days and then rebound, fluctuating during the first two weeks of therapy • After the early fluctuation, there was a steady exponential decay with a median half-life of 45 days | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Altman (1996)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: This paper introduces the tetramer methodology which permits quantification of specific CTL based on expression of specific TCRs – HLA-A2 tetramers were prepared that can stain CTL lines specific for ILKEPVHGV and SLYNTVATL, and quantitate HIV-specific CD8+ cell lines in freshly isolated PBMCs • Three patients only stained the Gag epitope SLYNTVATL, one patient had the highest frequency of tetramer staining to the Pol epitope (0.77%), less to the Gag epitope (0.28%) | | | |
| p17(77–85) | Gag() | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Gray (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration of highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) reduced CD8+ cell frequency, and the CD8+ cells detected by tetramer staining were likely to be memory cells, indicating that persistently replicating viral populations are needed to maintain high frequencies of HIV-1 specific CTL | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 SF2) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [McAdam (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: CTL from a patient infected with clade B virus did not recognize the clade A analog of this epitope | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Wilson (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: HIV+ individuals were followed longitudinally using MHC tetramers in combination with 14 anti-BV chain MAbs, and clonal expansion of HIV-specific T cells was followed <i>in vivo</i> • Seven HIV+ people were studied, and all showed expansions of particular TCR BV clones, often several, relative to uninfected controls • Three patients were followed in detail, TCR VB expansions persisted for 2 to 3 years, with occasional transient increases • An A2-Gag specific line from one patient was found to be BV8, and at its highest level represented 17.5% of the patient's CD8+ T cells | | | |

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| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Ogg (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: HLA-tetrameric complexes were used in a cross-sectional study of 14 untreated HLA A*0201 positive individuals, revealing an inverse relationship between HIV Gag and Pol specific CTL effector cells (CTL_e) and viral load • Inclusion of both the p17 SLYNTVATL and RT ILKEPVHGV epitopes gives a good representation of HLA A*0201-restricted activity • No correlation was observed between the CTL_e and CD4 count or clearance rate of productively infected cells | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | none | human(A*0201) | [Walter (1997)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: HLA-A2 heavy chain and β2-microglobulin expressed in <i>E. coli</i> were refolded in the presence of this peptide • The HLA-A2-peptide complex elicited HLA-A2 peptide-specific CTL response in cells lacking HLA-A2 • Suggests that preformed HLA-peptide complexes could provide an alternate to intracellular processing for immunogens | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Lalvani (1997)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: A peptide-based protocol was optimized for restimulation of CTL_p using optimized peptide and IL-7 concentrations – importantly this protocol does not stimulate a primary response, only secondary – peptide-specific CTL_p counts could be obtained via staining with peptide-Class I tetramers • This peptide was one of the test peptides for optimizing the protocol | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(76–84) | SLYNTVATL | <i>in vitro</i> stimulation | human(A*0201) | [van der Burg (1996)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Slow dissociation rate is associated with immunogenicity • CTL generated by <i>in vitro</i> stimulation of PBMC derived from uninfected individual | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Goulder (1997b), Goulder (1997a)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Identical twin hemophiliac brothers were both infected with the same batch of factor VIII • One had a response to gag A2 epitope SLYNTVATL, the other to pol A2 epitope ILKEPVHGV • Viral sequencing from the twin that had no response to SLYNTVATL indicated his virus had the substituted form SLHNAVAL • 71% of an additional set of 22 HIV-1 infected HLA-A*0201 positive donors preferentially responded to gag SLYNTVATL • Those individuals with a pol ILKEPVHGV response tended to have mutations in or around SLYNTVATL • An additional subject went from SLYNTVATL responder to non-responder coincident with a switch to the variant SLFNTVATL • [Goulder (1997a)] is a review of immune escape that summarizes this study | | | |
| p17(77–85) | Gag(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Gray (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Peptide-tetramer complexes of A*0201 and SLYNTVATL or ILKEPVHGV were used to study individuals receiving HAART to determine the frequency of Class I HLA-restricted anti-HIV CD8⁺ T cells • 17/18 asymptomatic patients had a CTL response to one or both epitopes – 72% had a CTL response to SLYNTVATL • After HAART, the majority of the epitope-specific CTL were apparently memory cells | | | |

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| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 Clade A) | SLFNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Dorrell (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: CTL responses in three individuals with non-clade B infections were studied, 2 with subtype A infections, 1 with subtype C – their infections all originated in East Africa • This epitope is most commonly SLYNTVATL in B subtype, and CTL from the C subtype infection did not recognize B clade gag or the 3Y form of the epitope, but do recognize the predominant A and C clade form, SLFNTVATL | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Brander (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Of 17 infected HLA A*0201 subjects, 13 had CTL responses against the p17 SLYNTVATL epitope, six recognized ILKEPVHGV and five recognized VIYQYMDDL, and there was no correlation between viral load and recognition of a specific epitope • Only one subject had CTL against all three epitopes • There was significant heterogeneity in the CTL response to this immunodominant epitope • The overall variation in this epitope among the 17 who had a CTL response and 11 non-HLA A*0201 HIV-1+ individuals was similar, suggesting a lack of immune pressure • Subjects were part of the San Francisco City Clinic Cohort, the ARIEL project and from the Boston area | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 HXB2) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Hay (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: CTL response to IPRRIRQGL was the immunodominant response in a rapid progressor – there was a subdominant response to SPAIFQSSM in Pol, and interestingly, no response to commonly immunodominant HLA A*0201 epitope SLYNTVATL, although this individual was HLA A*0201 • The individual showed a strong initial CTL response at the time of the initial drop in viremia, but it was quickly lost, although memory cells persisted • Despite the initial narrow response to two epitopes, no other CTL responses developed • No HIV-specific lymphoproliferative responses were detected in this patient, and neutralizing antibody response was weak • A variant of this epitope was observed <i>in vivo</i> (–F→V–), but this mutation is recognized by SLYNTVATL-specific CTL, and in this case the patient's cells could present the peptide to SLYNTVATL-specific CTL | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Kalams (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two patients were followed before and after HAART – reduced plasma HIV-1 RNA levels resulted in a decline in HIV-specific in-vivo activated CTL such that by day 260 CTL activities were undetectable • ERYLKDQQL was the dominant response in one of the individuals, SLYNTVATL subdominant • Sporadic breakthrough in viremia resulted in transient increases in CTLp • Memory CTL frequency directed against Vac-Gag, Vac-RT, Vac-Env, and Vac-Nef initially increased with HAART and then decreased with the decline of the viral load | | | |

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|---------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| p17(77–85) | Gag(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Spiegel (2000)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High levels of CD8+ HIV-1 specific and cytomegalovirus specific CTL were detected by HLA-A*0201-peptide tetramers in 3 infected subjects with very low CD4 counts, but CD8 T cell mediated effector activity was not seen • Thus HIV-1 specific CD8+ cells may be present but may lack direct effector activity in late disease, suggesting that overcoming antigen unresponsiveness may be a useful therapeutic strategy | | | |
| p17(77–85) | Gag(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Larsson (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELISPOT was used to assay the CD8 T cell response to the HIV-1 proteins Gag, Pol, Nef or Env expressed in vaccinia vectors in 19 HIV+ people • The highest CTL frequency was directed at epitopes Pol • In A*0201 individuals, higher numbers of spot-forming T cells were directed against HIV-1 proteins expressed in vaccinia than to peptides SLYNTVATL and ILKEPVHGV presented by A2 | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17() | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Goulder (2000)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CTL-dominant response was focused on this epitope in 11/25 HLA A2 (A*0201 or A*0202) HIV+ individuals from Boston and in 1/8 HLA A2 HIV+ individuals from Durban • Three peptides GSEELRSLYNTVATL (p17 residues 71-85), SALSEGATPQDLNTMLNTVG (p24 41-60), and WEKIRLRPG-GKKKYKLK(p17 16-30) contained the dominant Gag-specific epitope in 31 out of 44 B-clade infected individuals from Boston who showed Gag-CTL responses • Five peptides RLRPGGKKHYMIKHLVW (p17 20-36), ELRSLYNTVATLYCV (p17Gag 74-88), SALSEGATPQDLNTMLNTVG (p24 41-60), FRDYVDRFFKTLRAEQA (p24 161-177), and SILDIKQGKEPFRDY (p24 149-164) contained dominant Gag-specific epitopes in 32 out of 37 C-clade infected subjects from South Africa | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 LAI) | SLYNTVATL | | human(A*0201) | [Brander & Goulder(2001)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Brander notes this is an A*0201 epitope | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | | human(A*0202) | [Brander & Goulder(2001)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Brander notes that this epitope can be presented by A*0201 and A*0202 | | | |

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|---------------|-----------------|--|--|----------------------|---------------------------|
| p17(77–85) | p17() | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0202) | [Goulder (2000)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CTL-dominant response was focused on this epitope in 11/25 HLA A2 (A*0201 or A*0202) HIV+ individuals from Boston and in 1/8 HLA A2 HIV+ individuals from Durban • Three peptides GSEELRSLYNTVATL (p17 residues 71-85), SALSEGATPQDLNTMLNTVG (p24 41-60), and WEKIRLRPG-GKKKYKLLK(p17 16-30) contained the dominant Gag-specific epitope in 31 out of 44 B-clade infected individuals from Boston who showed Gag-CTL responses • Five peptides RLRPGGKKHYMIKHLVW (p17 20-36), ELRSLYNTVATLYCV (p17Gag 74-88), SALSEGATPQDLNTMLNTVG (p24 41-60), FRDYVDRFFKTLRAEQA (p24 161-177), and SILDIKQGKEPFRDY (p24 149-164) contained dominant Gag-specific epitopes in 32 out of 37 C-clade infected subjects from South Africa | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 LAI) | SLYNTVATL | | human(A*0205) | [Brander & Goulder(2001)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Brander notes that this epitope can be presented by A*0201 and A*0202 | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17() | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 exposed seronegative | human(A*0214,A*0201) | [Kaul (2000)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11/16 heavily HIV exposed but persistently seronegative sex-workers in Nairobi had HIV-specific CD8 gamma-IFN responses in the cervix – systemic CD8+ T cell responses tended to be to the same epitopes but at generally lower levels than cervical CD8+ T cell responses • Low risk individuals did not have such CD8+ cells • CD8+ epitopes T cell DTVLEDINL (3 individuals), SLYNVATL (4 individuals), LSPRTLNAW (3 individuals) and YPLTFGWCF (4 individuals) were most commonly recognized by the HIV-resistant women • The epitope variants SLYNTVATL and SLFNTVATL were both recognized | | | |
| p17(77–85) | Gag(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV A2-polyepitope (polytope) DNA vaccine with vaccinia boost (rVV.HIV.pt) | human(A2) | [Woodberry (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A polyepitope vaccine was generated in a vaccinia construct that contiguously encoded seven epitopes, all presented by HLA A-2 • HHD mice have a transgene of HLA A2 linked to the transmembrane and cytotoxic domains of H-2D^d – this transgene is the only MHC molecule expressed in the mice • CTL responses to Gag (77-85) SLYNTVATL, Pol (476-484) ILKEPVHGV, gp120 (120-128) KLTPLCVTL, and Nef (190-198) AFHHVAREL were observed in HIV polytope HHD-vaccinated mice, and these responses were enhanced with vaccinia boost • No CTL immune responses were generated against HLA A2-restricted HIV epitopes Nef 157-166 (PLTFGWICYKL), Pol 346-354 (VIYQYMDDL), and Nef 180-189 (VLEWRFSRL) • Sixteen HLA A2+ patients were tested for their ability to make CTL responses by peptide restimulation in culture with the epitopes selected for inclusion in the polytope – one individual recognized all seven of these epitopes; 7 patients had CTL cultures able to recognize at least one of the epitopes, and 6 of those 7 recognized more than one epitope, but they were not able to test all peptides for all patients; many patients only had three peptides tested • SLYNTVATL was recognized by 5/16 HLA-A2 patients | | | |

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|---------------|-----------------|--|---|--------------|------------------|
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | Live recombinant canarypox (CP) virus vaccine containing multiple HIV-1 genes (HIV-1 MN gp120, HIV-1 LAI gp41, HIV-1 LAI Gag, HIV-1 LAI protease) | human(A2) | [Carruth (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD4+ and CD8+ Gag and Env specific CTL responses were detected in only 1/5 vaccinated volunteers, and were not detectable 1 year after vaccination • CTL responses to epitopes SLYNTVATL and TVYYGVPVWK from HIV+ control patients were used as positive controls • The study explored why vaccinees were non-responsive – non-response was not due to inherent defects or differences in the ability of these individuals to process and present antigen • Lack of response to SLYNTVATL led the authors to speculate that the immunodominance of this epitope in natural infections may not be recapitulated by vaccine antigen | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Birk (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: A study of p17 variation considering known p17 epitopes and individuals with known HLA types revealed that p17 evolution is influenced by immune pressure from CTLs | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Callan (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Included as a negative control in a tetramer study of A2-EBV CTL response | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17() | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Wagner (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: CTL specific for HIV epitopes were used to show that the mediators of both the cytolytic (granzyme A was used as the marker) and non-cytolytic (HIV-1 inhibitory chemokines MIP-1 α and RANTES were used as markers) anti-viral responses are localized within the CTL's cytotoxic granules | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 HXB2) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Collins (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Two CTL clones recognize this epitope, but not the NL4-3 form of the epitope SLYNTI AVL • Nef down-regulates MHC class I molecules, which inhibits CTL killing, and this down-regulation can be partially compensated for by adding excess soluble peptide | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Durali (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Cross-clade CTL response was studied by determining the CTL activity in seven patients from Bangui, (6 A subtype, and 1 AG recombinant infections) and one A subtype infection from a person living in France originally from Togo, to different antigens expressed in vaccinia • Pol reactivity: 8/8 had CTL to A subtype, and 7/8 to B subtype, and HIV-2 Pol was not tested • Gag reactivity: 7/8 reacted with A or B subtype gag, 3/8 with HIV-2 Gag • Nef reactivity: 7/8 reacted with A subtype, and 5/8 with B subtype, none with HIV-2 Nef • Env reactivity: 3/8 reacted with A subtype, 1/8 with B subtype, none with HIV-2 Env • Patient B18 had the greatest breadth and diversity of response, and recognized Gag SLYNTVATL and Nef PLTFGWCFKL | | | |

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| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Kundu (1998b)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Allogeneic dendritic cells (DCs) were obtained from HLA-identical siblings, pulsed with rgp160 MN or A2-restricted HIV-1 epitope peptides, and infused monthly into six HIV-infected patients • 1/6 showed increased env-specific CTL and increased lymphoproliferative responses, 2/6 showed increase only in proliferative responses, and 3/6 showed no change – pulsed DCs were well tolerated • SLYNTVATL is a conserved HLA-A2 epitope included in this study – 3/6 patients had this sequence as their HIV direct sequence, one had the form SLYNTVAVL and all four of these had a detectable CTL response – the other two had either the sequence SLFSAVAVL or SLFSAVAAL and no detectable CTL response | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 IIIB) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Sipsas (1997)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: HIV IIIB proteins were used to define the range of CTL epitopes recognized by 3 lab workers accidentally infected with HIV-1 IIIB • SLYNTVAVL, a variant found in HIV-1 MANC, was also recognized • SLFNTVAVL, a variant found in HIV-1 NY5CG, was also recognized | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17() | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Rowland-Jones (1998a)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: A CTL response was found in exposed but uninfected prostitutes from Nairobi using previously-defined B clade epitopes that tended to be conserved in A and D clades – such cross-reactivity could protect against both A and D and confer protection in Nairobi where both subtypes are circulating • The A subtype consensus is SLfNtvaTL • The D subtype consensus is SLyNTvATL | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17() | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Sewell (1997)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Naturally occurring variants of this epitope escaped killing and acted as antagonists • The following variants were found in HIV-1 infected patients who mounted a strong response against this epitope: –F—, –F—V-, –S—, –SF—, –L—, —I—, —I-V-, –F-I—, –F-I-V-, –F-A— • All variants bound to A2 with at least half the affinity of SLYNTVATL except the triple mutant: –F-I-V- • Antagonism could be observed at low concentrations, abrogating lysis at an antagonist:agonist ratio of 1:10 – the antagonism was observed in one SLYNTVATL-specific CTL line but not another | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 HXB2) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Yang (1997b)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: A chimeric universal T cell receptor was created by linking CD4 or an HIV-specific anti-gp41 Ig sequence to the signaling domain of the T cell receptor chain ζ, and transduced into CD8+ cells • The response using universal-receptor-bearing CD8+ cells to lyse infected cells <i>in vitro</i> was comparable to the natural occurring responses of CTL-clones from HIV+ individuals in terms of kinetics and efficiency • A CTL clone specific for this epitope was used for the comparison | | | |

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|---------------|-----------------|--|--|--------------|--------------------------------|
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | <i>in vitro</i> stimulation | human(A2) | [Stuhler & Schlossman(1997)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Keyhole limpet hemocyanin or tetanus toxoid Th epitope co-expression with peptide CTL epitopes on the same APC was required for induction of peptide-specific CTL | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Yang (1996)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: CD4+ cell lines acutely infected with HIV were studied to determine their susceptibility to lysis by CTL • Clones specific for RT lysed HIV-1 infected cells at lower levels than Env or Gag specific clones • The distinction was thought to be due to lower expression of RT relative to Env and Gag • CTL can lyse infected cells early after infection, possibly prior to viral production | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Yang (1997a)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: CTL inhibit HIV-1 replication at effector cell concentrations comparable to those found <i>in vivo</i> • CTL produced HIV-1-suppressive soluble factors – MIP-1α, MIP-1β, RANTES, after antigen-specific activation • CTL suppress HIV replication more efficiently in HLA-matched cells | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 LAI) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Parker (1992), Parker (1994)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Examined in the context of motifs important for HLA-A2 binding | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 LAI) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [McMichael & Walker(1994)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Review of HIV CTL epitopes | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Tsomides (1994)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: CTL clones recognize naturally processed peptide | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | Peptide stimulation <i>in vitro</i> | human(A2) | [Stuhler & Schlossman(1997)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: A three cell-type cluster consisting of APCs, Th, and CTLs is the minimal regulatory unit required for Th cell-dependent induction of CTLs | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Cao (1997)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: The consensus peptides of B and D clade viruses and some Cs have the sequence SLYNTVATL • The consensus peptide of A, and some C strains have SLFNTVATL, a form that is cross-reactive | | | |

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|---------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| p17(77–85) | Gag(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Dyer (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: CTL specific responses were measured over a 1.3 to 1.5 year period in members of the Sydney Blood Bank Cohort (SBBC) who had been infected with a natural attenuated strain of HIV-1 which was Nef-defective • Some of these patients had prolonged high levels of CTL effector and memory cells despite low viral load | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Harrer (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Two overlapping epitopes were recognized in a long-term survivor, restricted by two different HLA molecules, HLA-A11(TLYCVHQR) and -A2 (SLYNTVATL) • Viral sequence substitutions were present in this individual which did not affect viral replication and did not alter CTL-recognition of the A2 epitope, but reduced recognition of the A11 epitope, indicative of immune escape | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17() | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 exposure | human(A2, A*0202) | [Rowland-Jones (1998b)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: HIV-specific CTL were found in exposed seronegative prostitutes from Nairobi – these CTL may confer protection • Seroprevalence in this cohort is 90-95% and their HIV-1 exposure is among the highest in the world • Most isolated HIV strains are clade A in Nairobi, although clades C and D are also found – B clade epitopes are often cross-reactive, however stronger responses are frequently observed using A or D clade versions of epitopes • This epitope is conserved among B and D clade viruses • The Clade A version of the epitope, SLFNTVATL, was preferentially recognized by CTL • This epitope was recognized by two different exposed seronegative prostitutes | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17() | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(B*0201) | [Wilson (2000)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three individuals with highly focused HIV-specific CTL responses were studied during acute infection using tetramers – high frequencies of HIV-1-specific CD8+ T cells were found prior to seroconversion, and there was a close temporal relationship between the number of circulating HIV-specific T cells and viral load was also found • All three patients were B*2705, with HLA alleles: A1, A30/31, B*2705, B35; A1, A*0301, B7, B2705; and A*0201, A*0301, B2705, B39 • ELISPOT was used to test a panel of CTL epitopes that had been defined earlier and were appropriate for the HLA haplotypes of the study subjects – 3/3 subjects showed a dominant response to the B*2705 epitope KRWIILGGLNK • The subject with A*0201 had a moderately strong response to SLYNTVATL • Weak responses were observed to A*301-RLRPGGKKK, A*301-QVPLRPMTYK, and B7-TPGPGVRYPL in the subject who was HLA A1, A*0301, B7, B*2705 • No acute response was detected to the following epitopes: A*201-ILKEPVHGV, A*301-KIRLRPGGK, A*301-AIFQSSMTK, A*301-TVYYGVVPVWK, B35-EPIVGAETF, B35-HPDIVIYQY, B35-PPIPVGEIY, B35-NSSKVSQNY, B35-VPLRPMTY, B35-DPNPQEVVL | | | |

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| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(B62) | [Goulder (1997a)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: This paper is a review of CTL and immune evasion, but it presents a study of a shift from an HLA-A*0201 response to SLYNTVATL, to a B62 response to GLNKIVRMY • As long as a strong CTL response to SLYNTVATL was evident, the epitope variants SLFNTVATL or SLYNTIATL dominated the viral population – eventually the CTL response to the index peptide became undetectable, the CTL response shifted to a focus on GLNKIVRMY, and the index peptide SLYNTVATL once again established itself as the dominant form | | | |

Table 7: **All Defined Epitopes within the 20mer, regardless of HLA type**

| HXB2 Location | Author Location | Sequence | Immunogen | Species(HLA) | References |
|---------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| p17(71–79) | p17(71–79 LAI) • P. Goulder, pers. comm. | GSEELRSLY | | human(A1) | [Brander & Walker(1996)] |
| p17(71–79) | p17(71–79) • A study of p17 variation considering known p17 epitopes and individuals with known HLA types revealed that p17 evolution is influenced by immune pressure from CTLs | GSEELRSLY | HIV-1 infection | human(A1) | [Birk (1998)] |
| p17(71–85) | p17(71–85 SF2) • Of 25 patients, most had CTL specific for more than 1 HIV-1 protein • Twelve subjects had CTL that could recognize vaccinia-expressed LAI gag • One of these 12 had CTL response to this peptide • The responding subject was HLA-A1, A11, B8, B27 | GSEELRSLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human() | [Lieberman (1997)] |
| p17(74–82) | p17() • Noted by Brander to be a B*0801 epitope | ELRSLYNTV | | human(B*0801) | [Brander & Goulder(2001)] |
| p17(74–82) | p17() • Defined in a study of the B8 binding motif | ELRSLYNTV | | human(B8) | [Goulder (1997c)] |
| p17(74–82) | p17(74–82) • A study of p17 variation considering known p17 epitopes and individuals with known HLA types revealed that p17 evolution is influenced by immune pressure from CTLs | ELRSLYNTV | HIV-1 infection | human(B8) | [Birk (1998)] |
| p17(76–86) | p17(74–86 LAI) • C. Brander notes this is an A*3002 epitope | RSLYNTVATLY | | human(A*3002) | [Brander & Goulder(2001)] |

| HXB2 Location | Author Location | Sequence | Immunogen | Species(HLA) | References |
|---------------|--|-------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| p17(76–86) | p17() | RSLYNTVATLY | HIV-1 infection | human(A*3002) | [Goulder (2000)] |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CTL-dominant response was focused on this epitope in a single HIV+ individual from Boston – this epitope fell outside the most recognized peptides in the study • Three peptides GSEELRSLYNTVATL (p17 residues 71-85), SALSEGATPQDLNTMLNTVG (p24 41-60), and WEKIRLRPG-GKKKYKLLK(p17 16-30) contained the dominant Gag-specific epitope in 31 out of 44 B-clade infected individuals from Boston who showed Gag-CTL responses • Five peptides RLRPGGKKHYMIKHLVW (p17 20-36), ELRSLYNTVATLYCV (p17Gag 74-88), SALSEGATPQDLNTMLNTVG (p24 41-60), FRDYVDRFFKTLRAEQA (p24 161-177), and SILDIKQGKEPFRDY (p24 149-164) contained dominant Gag-specific epitopes in 32 out of 37 C-clade infected subjects from South Africa | | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*02) | [Huang (2000)] |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The single cell ELISPOT assay was optimized and highly specific, and found to work well even after the primary cells had been frozen and thawed • Increases in gamma IFN producing cells were observed in response to anti-retroviral therapy using single cell IFN-gamma-production ELISPOT • 4/8 A*02 subjects had a positive response to this epitope indicating that it is a major epitope for CD8+ gamma IFN production • In 3/3 HLA A*02, B*27 individuals, the dominant response in gag measured by both gamma IFN production and T cell lysis was a B27 epitope, p24(263-272), not the A2 SLYNTVATL epitope | | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 HXB2) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Brander (1999)] |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Multiple natural variations in the SL9 flanking regions of the immunodominant epitope SLYNTVATL were tested and found not to adversely affect CTL recognition or prevent epitope processing, suggesting that viral escape from the HLA-A*0201-restricted CTL response against SLYNTVATL is probably not linked to variations in the flanking regions of this epitope • The substitution Y79F was an escape mutation in that it interfered with CTL recognition by one CTL clone from an A*0201 infected individual, clone 13010.B17, but it was still recognized by another CTL clone, 115.D4 | | | | |
| p17(77–85) | Gag() | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Tan (1999)] |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoptive transfer of two autologous <i>in vitro</i>-expanded CTL clones against the A*0201 restricted epitopes SLYNTVATL and VIYQYMDDL were infused into a patient – they were well tolerated, but the SLYNTVATL clone was shown by tetramer staining to be rapidly eliminated through apoptosis, and the treatment had no impact upon viral load and CD4 and CD8 cell counts | | | | |

| HXB2 Location | Author Location | Sequence | Immunogen | Species(HLA) | References |
|---------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Betts (2000)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 4/11 HLA-A2+ HIV+ individuals had CTL that reacted to SLYNTVATL, calling into question whether it is immunodominant • Ninety five optimally defined peptides from this database were used to screen for gamma interferon responses to other epitopes • Individuals that did not respond to SLYNTVATL recognized other HIV epitopes, and 2/4 SLYNTVATL responders had stronger responses to epitopes restricted by other class I alleles • SLYNTVATL was the only response detected in a one individual that was HLA A*0201, B44, B70 | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Ogg (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: CTL effector levels were measured after potent ARV therapy using HLA-tetramer complexes for the A*0201 epitopes SLYNTVATL and ILKEPVHGV in seven patients, and the B*3501 epitope DPNPQEVVL in one additional patient • Levels of CTL effectors typically decline for 5-7 days and then rebound, fluctuating during the first two weeks of therapy • After the early fluctuation, there was a steady exponential decay with a median half-life of 45 days | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Altman (1996)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: This paper introduces the tetramer methodology which permits quantification of specific CTL based on expression of specific TCRs – HLA-A2 tetramers were prepared that can stain CTL lines specific for ILKEPVHGV and SLYNTVATL, and quantitate HIV-specific CD8+ cell lines in freshly isolated PBMCs • Three patients only stained the Gag epitope SLYNTVATL, one patient had the highest frequency of tetramer staining to the Pol epitope (0.77%), less to the Gag epitope (0.28%) | | | |
| p17(77–85) | Gag() | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Gray (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration of highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) reduced CD8+ cell frequency, and the CD8+ cells detected by tetramer staining were likely to be memory cells, indicating that persistently replicating viral populations are needed to maintain high frequencies of HIV-1 specific CTL | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 SF2) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [McAdam (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: CTL from a patient infected with clade B virus did not recognize the clade A analog of this epitope | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Wilson (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: HIV+ individuals were followed longitudinally using MHC tetramers in combination with 14 anti-BV chain MAbs, and clonal expansion of HIV-specific T cells was followed <i>in vivo</i> • Seven HIV+ people were studied, and all showed expansions of particular TCR BV clones, often several, relative to uninfected controls • Three patients were followed in detail, TCR VB expansions persisted for 2 to 3 years, with occasional transient increases • An A2-Gag specific line from one patient was found to be BV8, and at its highest level represented 17.5% of the patient's CD8+ T cells | | | |

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|---------------|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Ogg (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: HLA-tetrameric complexes were used in a cross-sectional study of 14 untreated HLA A*0201 positive individuals, revealing an inverse relationship between HIV Gag and Pol specific CTL effector cells (CTL_e) and viral load • Inclusion of both the p17 SLYNTVATL and RT ILKEPVHGV epitopes gives a good representation of HLA A*0201-restricted activity • No correlation was observed between the CTL_e and CD4 count or clearance rate of productively infected cells | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | none | human(A*0201) | [Walter (1997)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: HLA-A2 heavy chain and β2-microglobulin expressed in <i>E. coli</i> were refolded in the presence of this peptide • The HLA-A2-peptide complex elicited HLA-A2 peptide-specific CTL response in cells lacking HLA-A2 • Suggests that preformed HLA-peptide complexes could provide an alternate to intracellular processing for immunogens | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Lalvani (1997)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: A peptide-based protocol was optimized for restimulation of CTL_p using optimized peptide and IL-7 concentrations – importantly this protocol does not stimulate a primary response, only secondary – peptide-specific CTL_p counts could be obtained via staining with peptide-Class I tetramers • This peptide was one of the test peptides for optimizing the protocol | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(76–84) | SLYNTVATL | <i>in vitro</i> stimulation | human(A*0201) | [van der Burg (1996)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Slow dissociation rate is associated with immunogenicity • CTL generated by <i>in vitro</i> stimulation of PBMC derived from uninfected individual | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Goulder (1997b), Goulder (1997a)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Identical twin hemophiliac brothers were both infected with the same batch of factor VIII • One had a response to gag A2 epitope SLYNTVATL, the other to pol A2 epitope ILKEPVHGV • Viral sequencing from the twin that had no response to SLYNTVATL indicated his virus had the substituted form SLHNAVAL • 71% of an additional set of 22 HIV-1 infected HLA-A*0201 positive donors preferentially responded to gag SLYNTVATL • Those individuals with a pol ILKEPVHGV response tended to have mutations in or around SLYNTVATL • An additional subject went from SLYNTVATL responder to non-responder coincident with a switch to the variant SLFNTVATL • [Goulder (1997a)] is a review of immune escape that summarizes this study | | | |
| p17(77–85) | Gag(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Gray (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Peptide-tetramer complexes of A*0201 and SLYNTVATL or ILKEPVHGV were used to study individuals receiving HAART to determine the frequency of Class I HLA-restricted anti-HIV CD8⁺ T cells • 17/18 asymptomatic patients had a CTL response to one or both epitopes – 72% had a CTL response to SLYNTVATL • After HAART, the majority of the epitope-specific CTL were apparently memory cells | | | |

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| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 Clade A) | SLFNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Dorrell (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: CTL responses in three individuals with non-clade B infections were studied, 2 with subtype A infections, 1 with subtype C – their infections all originated in East Africa • This epitope is most commonly SLYNTVATL in B subtype, and CTL from the C subtype infection did not recognize B clade gag or the 3Y form of the epitope, but do recognize the predominant A and C clade form, SLFNTVATL | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Brander (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Of 17 infected HLA A*0201 subjects, 13 had CTL responses against the p17 SLYNTVATL epitope, six recognized ILKEPVHGV and five recognized VIYQYMDDL, and there was no correlation between viral load and recognition of a specific epitope • Only one subject had CTL against all three epitopes • There was significant heterogeneity in the CTL response to this immunodominant epitope • The overall variation in this epitope among the 17 who had a CTL response and 11 non-HLA A*0201 HIV-1+ individuals was similar, suggesting a lack of immune pressure • Subjects were part of the San Francisco City Clinic Cohort, the ARIEL project and from the Boston area | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 HXB2) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Hay (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: CTL response to IPRRIRQGL was the immunodominant response in a rapid progressor – there was a subdominant response to SPAIFQSSM in Pol, and interestingly, no response to commonly immunodominant HLA A*0201 epitope SLYNTVATL, although this individual was HLA A*0201 • The individual showed a strong initial CTL response at the time of the initial drop in viremia, but it was quickly lost, although memory cells persisted • Despite the initial narrow response to two epitopes, no other CTL responses developed • No HIV-specific lymphoproliferative responses were detected in this patient, and neutralizing antibody response was weak • A variant of this epitope was observed <i>in vivo</i> (–F→V–), but this mutation is recognized by SLYNTVATL-specific CTL, and in this case the patient's cells could present the peptide to SLYNTVATL-specific CTL | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Kalams (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two patients were followed before and after HAART – reduced plasma HIV-1 RNA levels resulted in a decline in HIV-specific in-vivo activated CTL such that by day 260 CTL activities were undetectable • ERYLKDQQL was the dominant response in one of the individuals, SLYNTVATL subdominant • Sporadic breakthrough in viremia resulted in transient increases in CTLp • Memory CTL frequency directed against Vac-Gag, Vac-RT, Vac-Env, and Vac-Nef initially increased with HAART and then decreased with the decline of the viral load | | | |

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| p17(77–85) | Gag(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Spiegel (2000)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High levels of CD8+ HIV-1 specific and cytomegalovirus specific CTL were detected by HLA-A*0201-peptide tetramers in 3 infected subjects with very low CD4 counts, but CD8 T cell mediated effector activity was not seen • Thus HIV-1 specific CD8+ cells may be present but may lack direct effector activity in late disease, suggesting that overcoming antigen unresponsiveness may be a useful therapeutic strategy | | | |
| p17(77–85) | Gag(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Larsson (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELISPOT was used to assay the CD8 T cell response to the HIV-1 proteins Gag, Pol, Nef or Env expressed in vaccinia vectors in 19 HIV+ people • The highest CTL frequency was directed at epitopes Pol • In A*0201 individuals, higher numbers of spot-forming T cells were directed against HIV-1 proteins expressed in vaccinia than to peptides SLYNTVATL and ILKEPVHGV presented by A2 | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17() | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A*0201) | [Goulder (2000)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CTL-dominant response was focused on this epitope in 11/25 HLA A2 (A*0201 or A*0202) HIV+ individuals from Boston and in 1/8 HLA A2 HIV+ individuals from Durban • Three peptides GSEELRSLYNTVATL (p17 residues 71-85), SALSEGATPQDLNTMLNTVG (p24 41-60), and WEKIRLRPG-GKKKYKLK(p17 16-30) contained the dominant Gag-specific epitope in 31 out of 44 B-clade infected individuals from Boston who showed Gag-CTL responses • Five peptides RLRPGGKKHYMIKHLVW (p17 20-36), ELRSLYNTVATLYCV (p17Gag 74-88), SALSEGATPQDLNTMLNTVG (p24 41-60), FRDYVDRFFKTLRAEQA (p24 161-177), and SILDIKQGKEPFRDY (p24 149-164) contained dominant Gag-specific epitopes in 32 out of 37 C-clade infected subjects from South Africa | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 LAI) | SLYNTVATL | | human(A*0201) | [Brander & Goulder(2001)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Brander notes this is an A*0201 epitope | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | | human(A*0202) | [Brander & Goulder(2001)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Brander notes that this epitope can be presented by A*0201 and A*0202 | | | |

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| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 LAI) | SLYNTVATL | | human(A*0205) | [Brander & Goulder(2001)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Brander notes that this epitope can be presented by A*0201 and A*0202 | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17() | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 exposed seronegative | human(A*0214,A*0201) | [Kaul (2000)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11/16 heavily HIV exposed but persistently seronegative sex-workers in Nairobi had HIV-specific CD8 gamma-IFN responses in the cervix – systemic CD8+ T cell responses tended to be to the same epitopes but at generally lower levels than cervical CD8+ T cell responses • Low risk individuals did not have such CD8+ cells • CD8+ epitopes T cell DTVLEDINL (3 individuals), SLYNVATL (4 individuals), LSPRTLNAW (3 individuals) and YPLTFGWCF (4 individuals) were most commonly recognized by the HIV-resistant women • The epitope variants SLYNTVATL and SLFNTVATL were both recognized | | | |
| p17(77–85) | Gag(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV A2-polyepitope (polytope) DNA vaccine with vaccinia boost (rVV.HIV.pt) | human(A2) | [Woodberry (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A polyepitope vaccine was generated in a vaccinia construct that contiguously encoded seven epitopes, all presented by HLA A-2 • HHD mice have a transgene of HLA A2 linked to the transmembrane and cytotoxic domains of H-2D^d – this transgene is the only MHC molecule expressed in the mice • CTL responses to Gag (77-85) SLYNTVATL, Pol (476-484) ILKEPVHGV, gp120 (120-128) KLTPLCVTL, and Nef (190-198) AFHHVAREL were observed in HIV polytope HHD-vaccinated mice, and these responses were enhanced with vaccinia boost • No CTL immune responses were generated against HLA A2-restricted HIV epitopes Nef 157-166 (PLTFGWICYKL), Pol 346-354 (VIYQYMDDL), and Nef 180-189 (VLEWRFSRL) • Sixteen HLA A2+ patients were tested for their ability to make CTL responses by peptide restimulation in culture with the epitopes selected for inclusion in the polytope – one individual recognized all seven of these epitopes; 7 patients had CTL cultures able to recognize at least one of the epitopes, and 6 of those 7 recognized more than one epitope, but they were not able to test all peptides for all patients; many patients only had three peptides tested • SLYNTVATL was recognized by 5/16 HLA-A2 patients | | | |

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| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | Live recombinant canarypox (CP) virus vaccine containing multiple HIV-1 genes (HIV-1 MN gp120, HIV-1 LAI gp41, HIV-1 LAI Gag, HIV-1 LAI protease) | human(A2) | [Carruth (1999)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD4+ and CD8+ Gag and Env specific CTL responses were detected in only 1/5 vaccinated volunteers, and were not detectable 1 year after vaccination • CTL responses to epitopes SLYNTVATL and TVYYGVPVWK from HIV+ control patients were used as positive controls • The study explored why vaccinees were non-responsive – non-response was not due to inherent defects or differences in the ability of these individuals to process and present antigen • Lack of response to SLYNTVATL led the authors to speculate that the immunodominance of this epitope in natural infections may not be recapitulated by vaccine antigen | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Birk (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: A study of p17 variation considering known p17 epitopes and individuals with known HLA types revealed that p17 evolution is influenced by immune pressure from CTLs | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Callan (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Included as a negative control in a tetramer study of A2-EBV CTL response | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17() | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Wagner (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: CTL specific for HIV epitopes were used to show that the mediators of both the cytolytic (granzyme A was used as the marker) and non-cytolytic (HIV-1 inhibitory chemokines MIP-1 α and RANTES were used as markers) anti-viral responses are localized within the CTL's cytotoxic granules | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 HXB2) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Collins (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Two CTL clones recognize this epitope, but not the NL4-3 form of the epitope SLYNTIAVL • Nef down-regulates MHC class I molecules, which inhibits CTL killing, and this down-regulation can be partially compensated for by adding excess soluble peptide | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Durali (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Cross-clade CTL response was studied by determining the CTL activity in seven patients from Bangui, (6 A subtype, and 1 AG recombinant infections) and one A subtype infection from a person living in France originally from Togo, to different antigens expressed in vaccinia • Pol reactivity: 8/8 had CTL to A subtype, and 7/8 to B subtype, and HIV-2 Pol was not tested • Gag reactivity: 7/8 reacted with A or B subtype gag, 3/8 with HIV-2 Gag • Nef reactivity: 7/8 reacted with A subtype, and 5/8 with B subtype, none with HIV-2 Nef • Env reactivity: 3/8 reacted with A subtype, 1/8 with B subtype, none with HIV-2 Env • Patient B18 had the greatest breadth and diversity of response, and recognized Gag SLYNTVATL and Nef PLTFGWCFKL | | | |

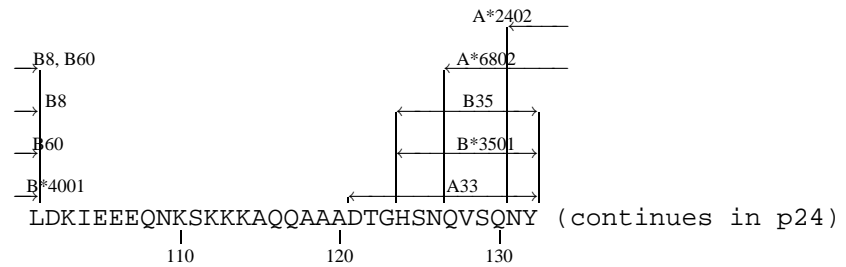
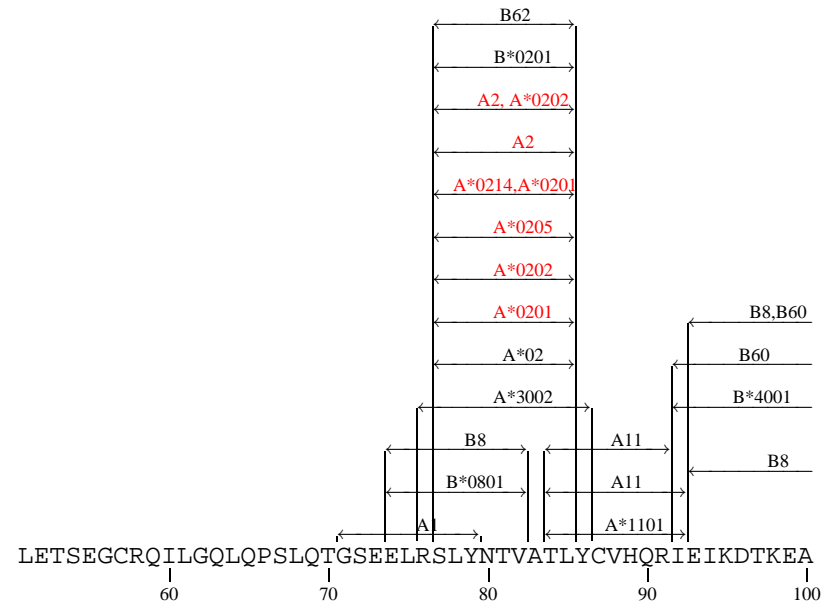
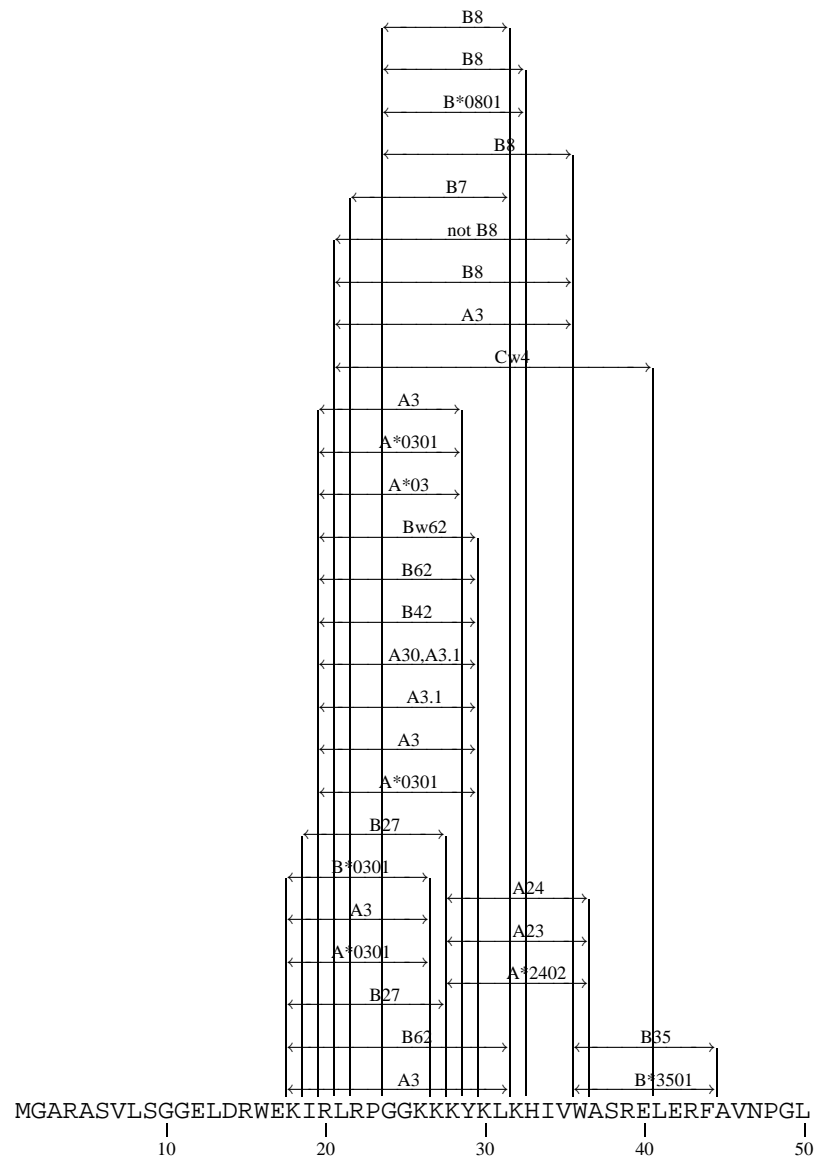
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| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Kundu (1998b)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Allogeneic dendritic cells (DCs) were obtained from HLA-identical siblings, pulsed with rgp160 MN or A2-restricted HIV-1 epitope peptides, and infused monthly into six HIV-infected patients • 1/6 showed increased env-specific CTL and increased lymphoproliferative responses, 2/6 showed increase only in proliferative responses, and 3/6 showed no change – pulsed DCs were well tolerated • SLYNTVATL is a conserved HLA-A2 epitope included in this study – 3/6 patients had this sequence as their HIV direct sequence, one had the form SLYNTVAVL and all four of these had a detectable CTL response – the other two had either the sequence SLFSAVAVL or SLFSAVAAL and no detectable CTL response | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 IIIB) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Sipsas (1997)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: HIV IIIB proteins were used to define the range of CTL epitopes recognized by 3 lab workers accidentally infected with HIV-1 IIIB • SLYNTVAVL, a variant found in HIV-1 MANC, was also recognized • SLFNTVAVL, a variant found in HIV-1 NY5CG, was also recognized | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17() | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Rowland-Jones (1998a)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: A CTL response was found in exposed but uninfected prostitutes from Nairobi using previously-defined B clade epitopes that tended to be conserved in A and D clades – such cross-reactivity could protect against both A and D and confer protection in Nairobi where both subtypes are circulating • The A subtype consensus is SLfNtvaTL • The D subtype consensus is SLyNTvATL | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17() | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Sewell (1997)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Naturally occurring variants of this epitope escaped killing and acted as antagonists • The following variants were found in HIV-1 infected patients who mounted a strong response against this epitope: –F—, –F—V-, –S—, –SF—, –L—, —I—, —I-V-, –F-I—, –F-I-V-, –F-A— • All variants bound to A2 with at least half the affinity of SLYNTVATL except the triple mutant: –F-I-V- • Antagonism could be observed at low concentrations, abrogating lysis at an antagonist:agonist ratio of 1:10 – the antagonism was observed in one SLYNTVATL-specific CTL line but not another | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 HXB2) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Yang (1997b)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: A chimeric universal T cell receptor was created by linking CD4 or an HIV-specific anti-gp41 Ig sequence to the signaling domain of the T cell receptor chain ζ, and transduced into CD8+ cells • The response using universal-receptor-bearing CD8+ cells to lyse infected cells <i>in vitro</i> was comparable to the natural occurring responses of CTL-clones from HIV+ individuals in terms of kinetics and efficiency • A CTL clone specific for this epitope was used for the comparison | | | |

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| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | <i>in vitro</i> stimulation | human(A2) | [Stuhler & Schlossman(1997)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Keyhole limpet hemocyanin or tetanus toxoid Th epitope co-expression with peptide CTL epitopes on the same APC was required for induction of peptide-specific CTL | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Yang (1996)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: CD4+ cell lines acutely infected with HIV were studied to determine their susceptibility to lysis by CTL • Clones specific for RT lysed HIV-1 infected cells at lower levels than Env or Gag specific clones • The distinction was thought to be due to lower expression of RT relative to Env and Gag • CTL can lyse infected cells early after infection, possibly prior to viral production | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Yang (1997a)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: CTL inhibit HIV-1 replication at effector cell concentrations comparable to those found <i>in vivo</i> • CTL produced HIV-1-suppressive soluble factors – MIP-1α, MIP-1β, RANTES, after antigen-specific activation • CTL suppress HIV replication more efficiently in HLA-matched cells | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 LAI) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Parker (1992), Parker (1994)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Examined in the context of motifs important for HLA-A2 binding | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85 LAI) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [McMichael & Walker(1994)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Review of HIV CTL epitopes | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Tsomides (1994)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: CTL clones recognize naturally processed peptide | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | Peptide stimulation <i>in vitro</i> | human(A2) | [Stuhler & Schlossman(1997)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: A three cell-type cluster consisting of APCs, Th, and CTLs is the minimal regulatory unit required for Th cell-dependent induction of CTLs | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Cao (1997)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: The consensus peptides of B and D clade viruses and some Cs have the sequence SLYNTVATL • The consensus peptide of A, and some C strains have SLFNTVATL, a form that is cross-reactive | | | |

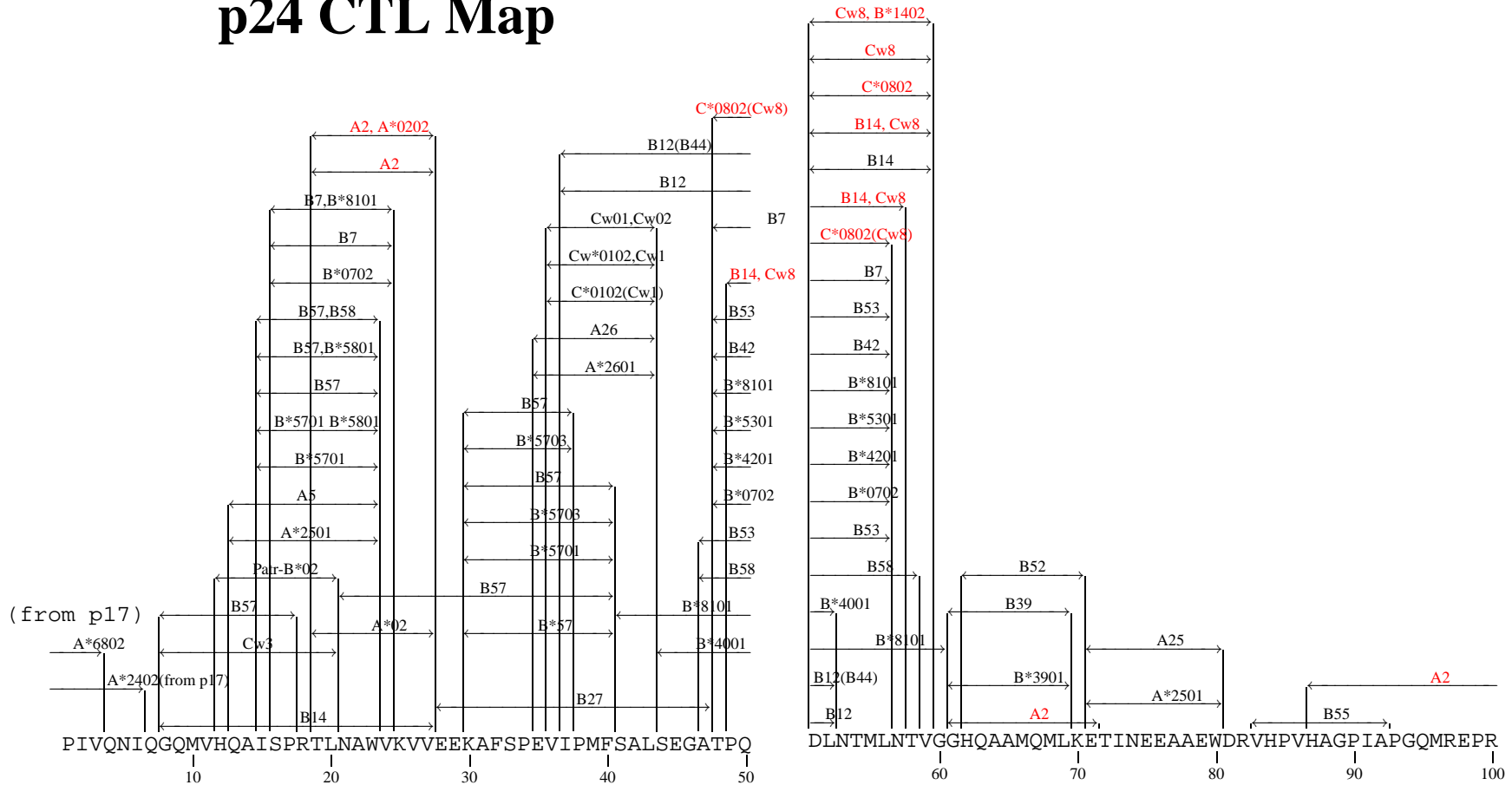
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: CTL specific responses were measured over a 1.3 to 1.5 year period in members of the Sydney Blood Bank Cohort (SBBC) who had been infected with a natural attenuated strain of HIV-1 which was Nef-defective • Some of these patients had prolonged high levels of CTL effector and memory cells despite low viral load | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(A2) | [Harrer (1998)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: Two overlapping epitopes were recognized in a long-term survivor, restricted by two different HLA molecules, HLA-A11(TLYCVHQR) and -A2 (SLYNTVATL) • Viral sequence substitutions were present in this individual which did not affect viral replication and did not alter CTL-recognition of the A2 epitope, but reduced recognition of the A11 epitope, indicative of immune escape | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17() | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 exposure | human(A2, A*0202) | [Rowland-Jones (1998b)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: HIV-specific CTL were found in exposed seronegative prostitutes from Nairobi – these CTL may confer protection • Seroprevalence in this cohort is 90-95% and their HIV-1 exposure is among the highest in the world • Most isolated HIV strains are clade A in Nairobi, although clades C and D are also found – B clade epitopes are often cross-reactive, however stronger responses are frequently observed using A or D clade versions of epitopes • This epitope is conserved among B and D clade viruses • The Clade A version of the epitope, SLFNTVATL, was preferentially recognized by CTL • This epitope was recognized by two different exposed seronegative prostitutes | | | |
| p17(77–85) | p17() | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(B*0201) | [Wilson (2000)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three individuals with highly focused HIV-specific CTL responses were studied during acute infection using tetramers – high frequencies of HIV-1-specific CD8+ T cells were found prior to seroconversion, and there was a close temporal relationship between the number of circulating HIV-specific T cells and viral load was also found • All three patients were B*2705, with HLA alleles: A1, A30/31, B*2705, B35; A1, A*0301, B7, B2705; and A*0201, A*0301, B2705, B39 • ELISPOT was used to test a panel of CTL epitopes that had been defined earlier and were appropriate for the HLA haplotypes of the study subjects – 3/3 subjects showed a dominant response to the B*2705 epitope KRWIILGGLNK • The subject with A*0201 had a moderately strong response to SLYNTVATL • Weak responses were observed to A*301-RLRPGGKKK, A*301-QVPLRPMTYK, and B7-TPGPGVRYPL in the subject who was HLA A1, A*0301, B7, B*2705 • No acute response was detected to the following epitopes: A*201-ILKEPVHGV, A*301-KIRLRPGGK, A*301-AIFQSSMTK, A*301-TVYYGVVPVWK, B35-EPIVGAETF, B35-HPDIVIYQY, B35-PPIPVGIEY, B35-NSSKVSQNY, B35-VPLRPMTY, B35-DPNPQEVVL | | | |

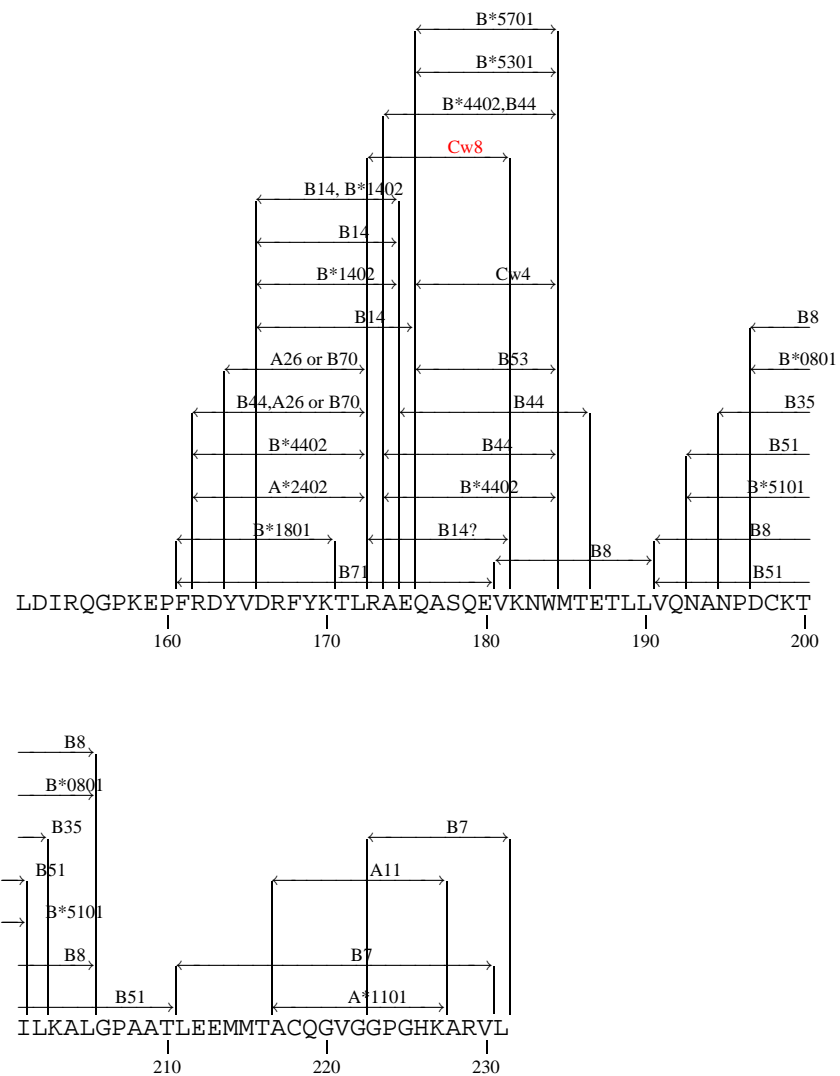
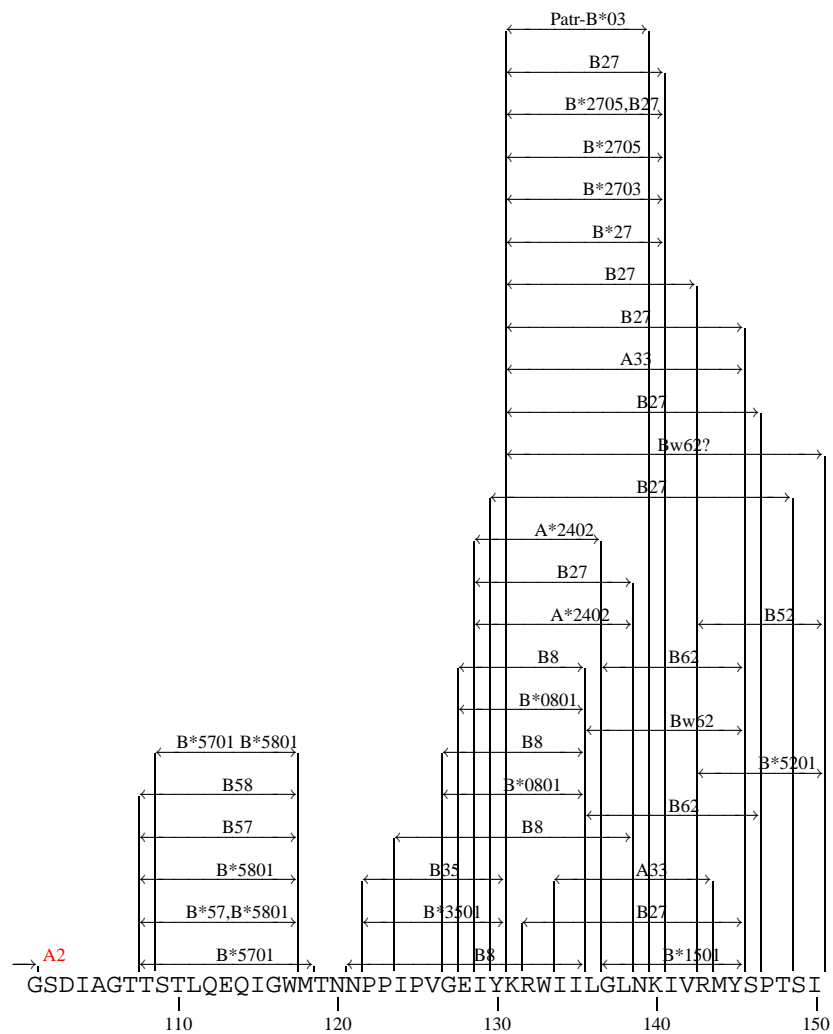
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| p17(77–85) | p17(77–85) | SLYNTVATL | HIV-1 infection | human(B62) | [Goulder (1997a)] |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epitope SL9: This paper is a review of CTL and immune evasion, but it presents a study of a shift from an HLA-A*0201 response to SLYNTVATL, to a B62 response to GLNKIVRMY • As long as a strong CTL response to SLYNTVATL was evident, the epitope variants SLFNTVATL or SLYNTIATL dominated the viral population – eventually the CTL response to the index peptide became undetectable, the CTL response shifted to a focus on GLNKIVRMY, and the index peptide SLYNTVATL once again established itself as the dominant form | | | |

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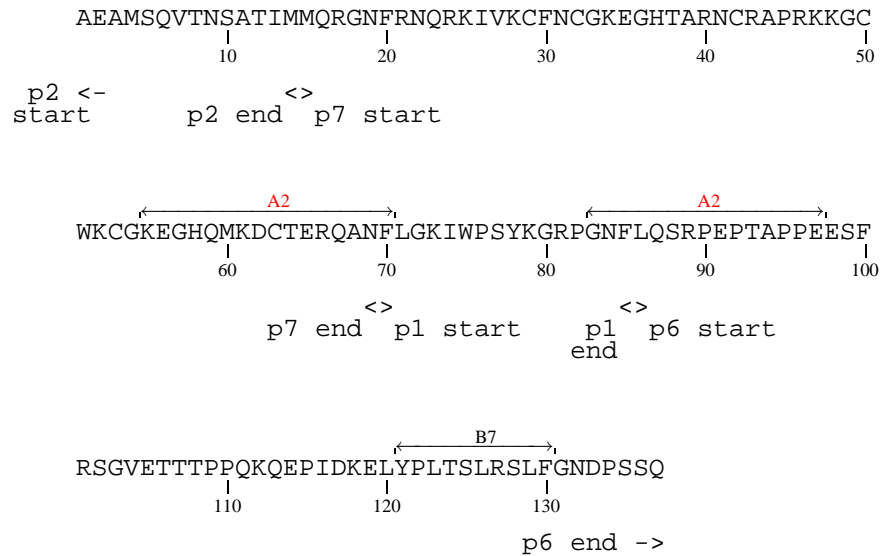


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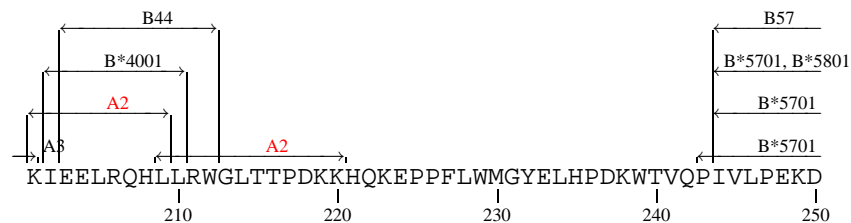
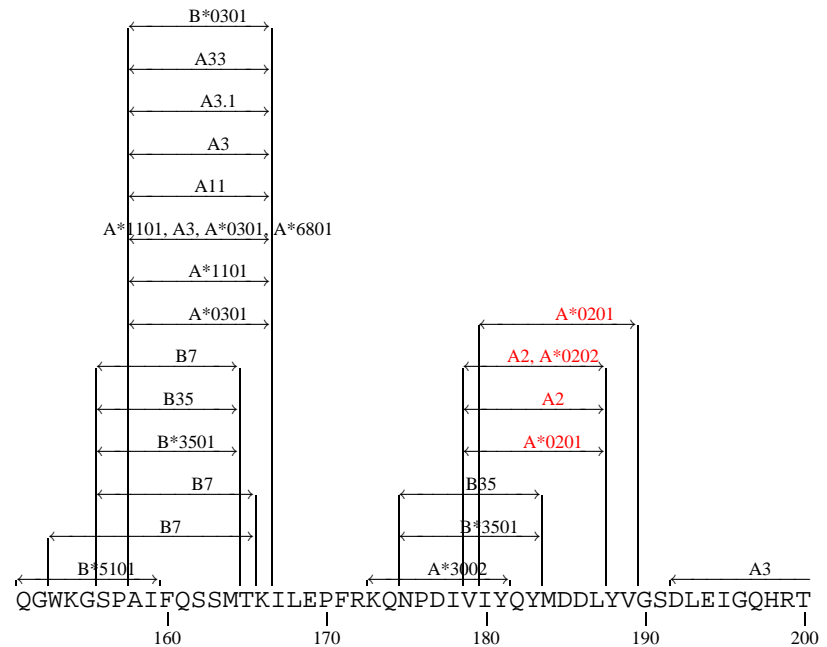
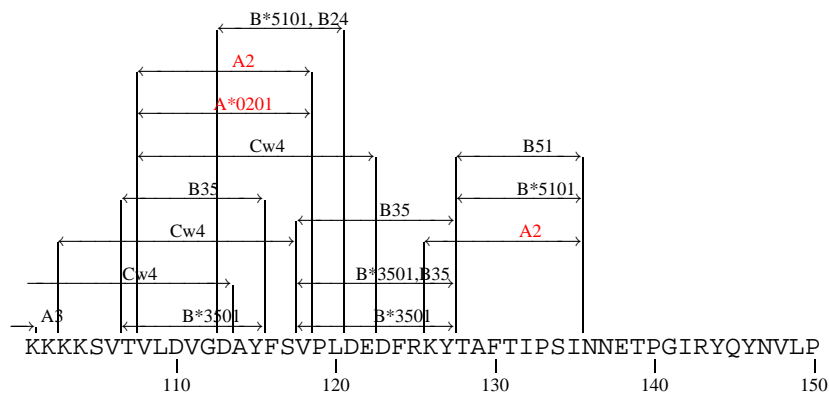
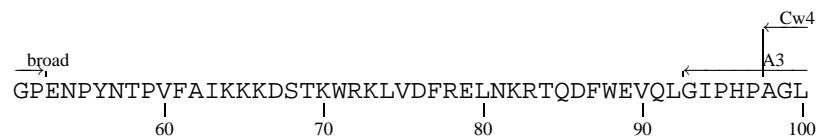
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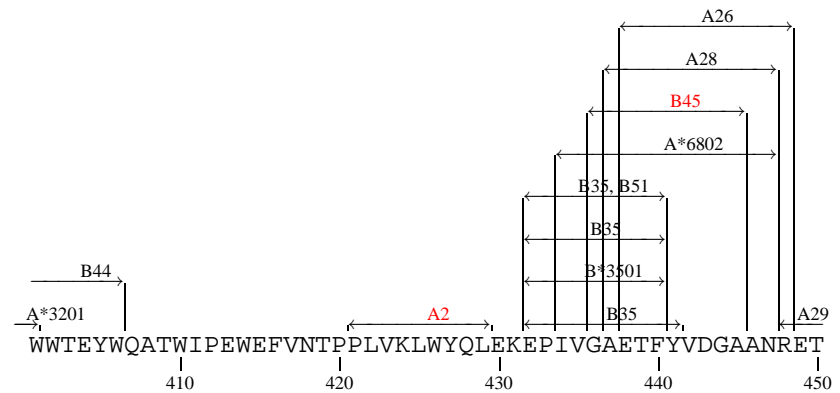
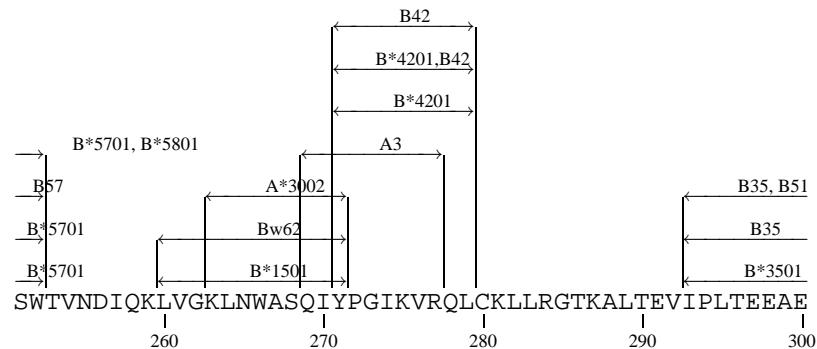


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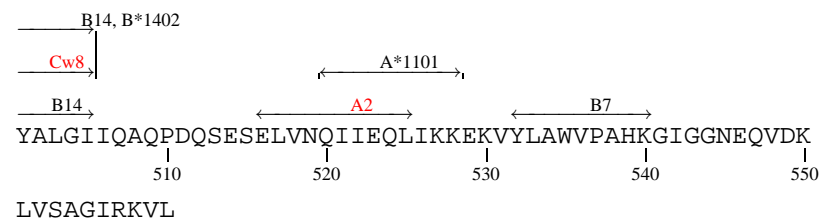
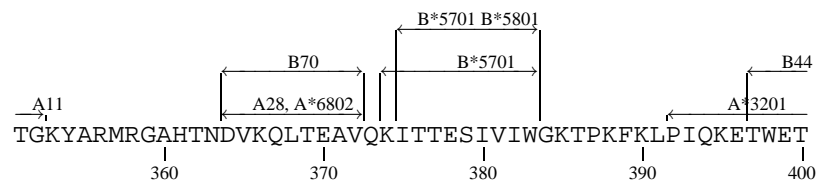
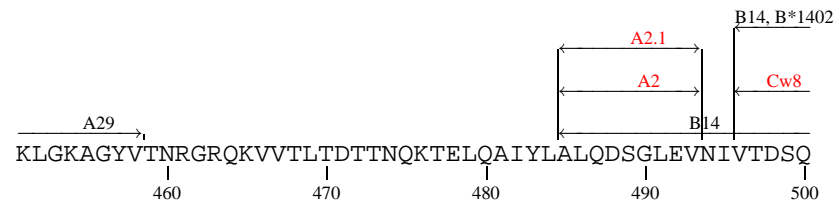
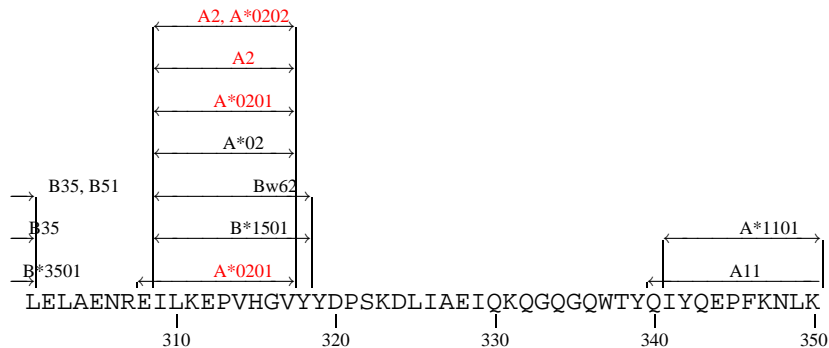


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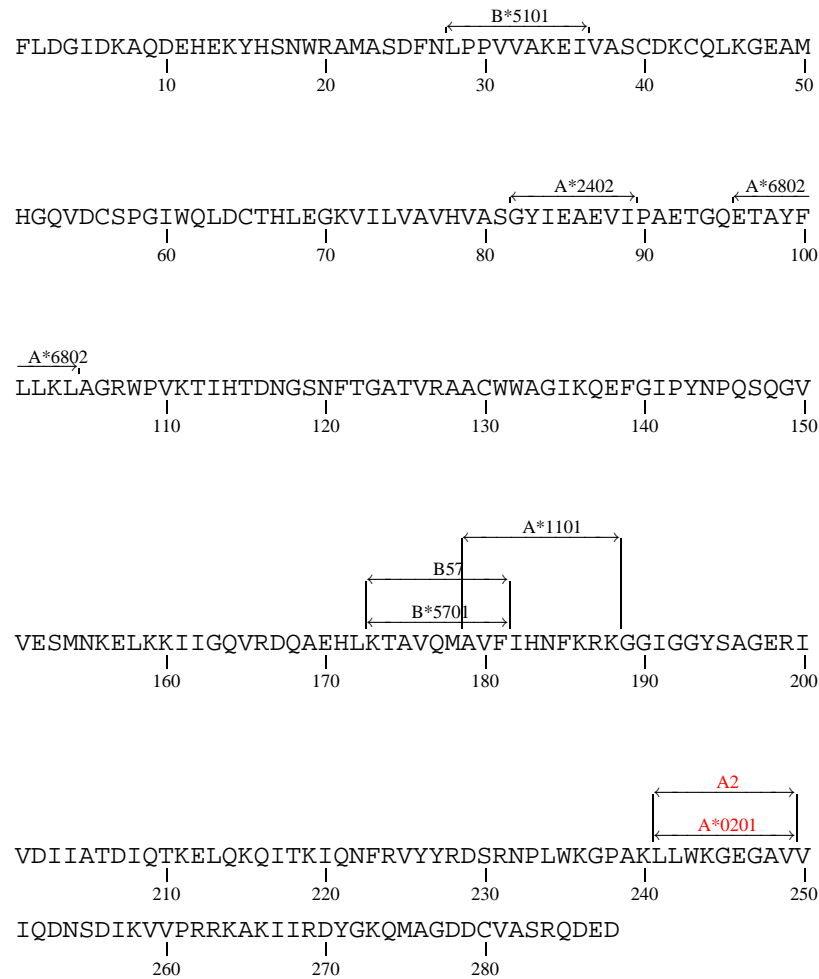


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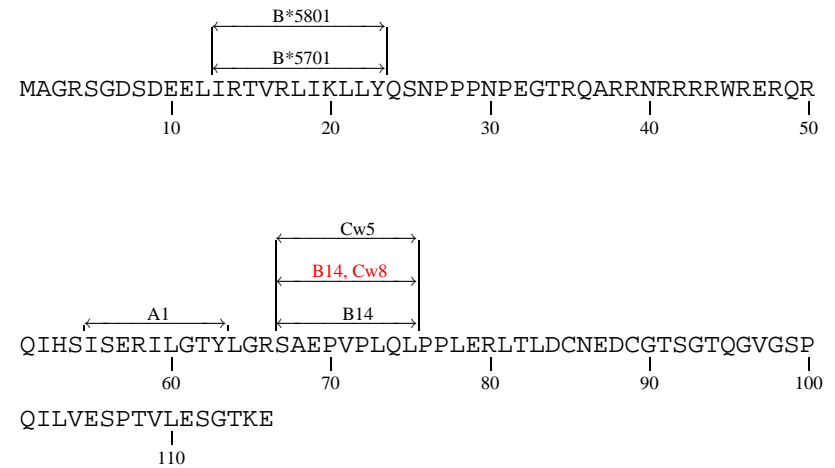


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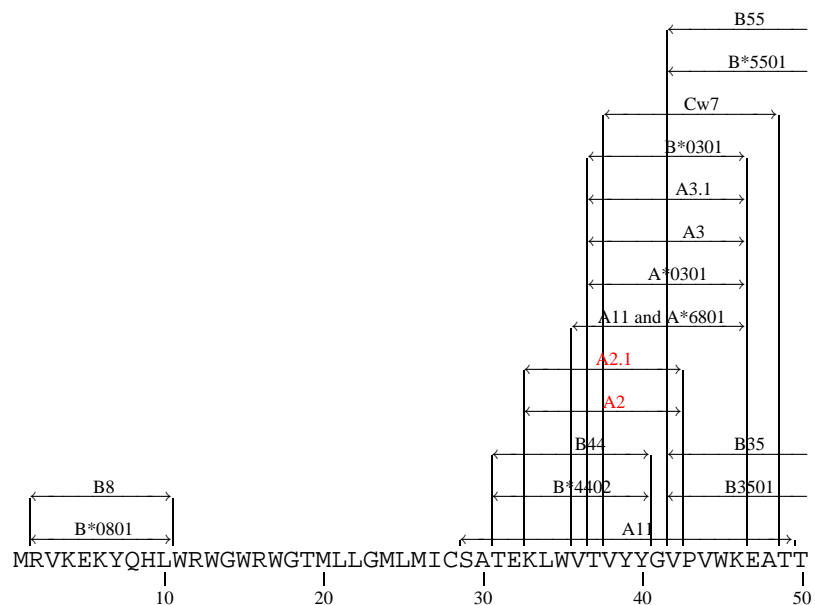
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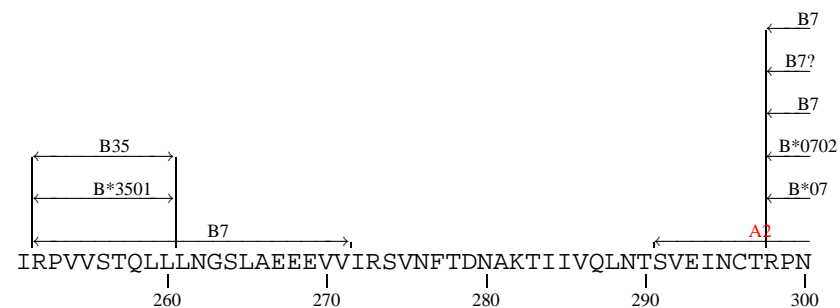
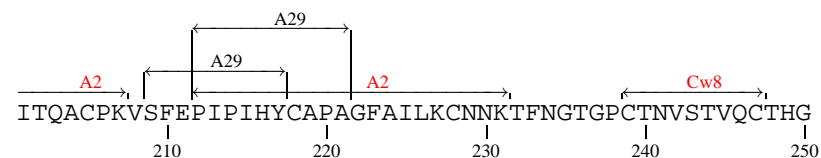
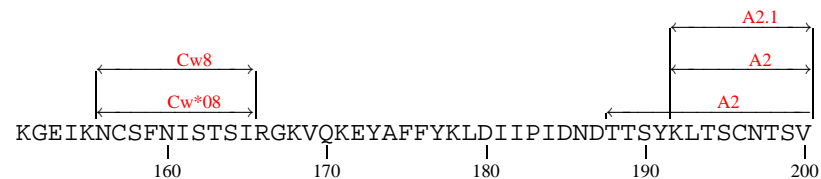
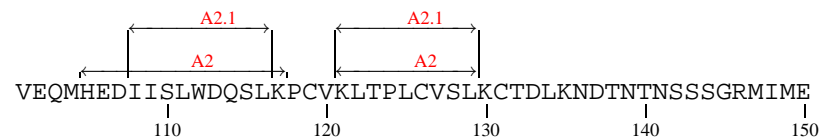
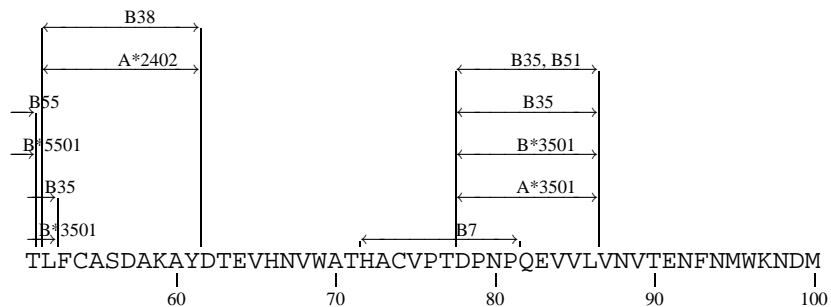
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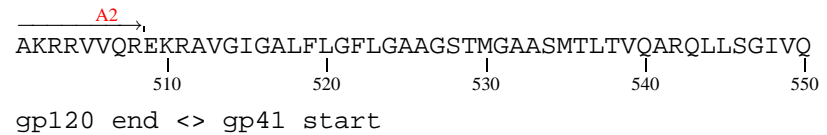
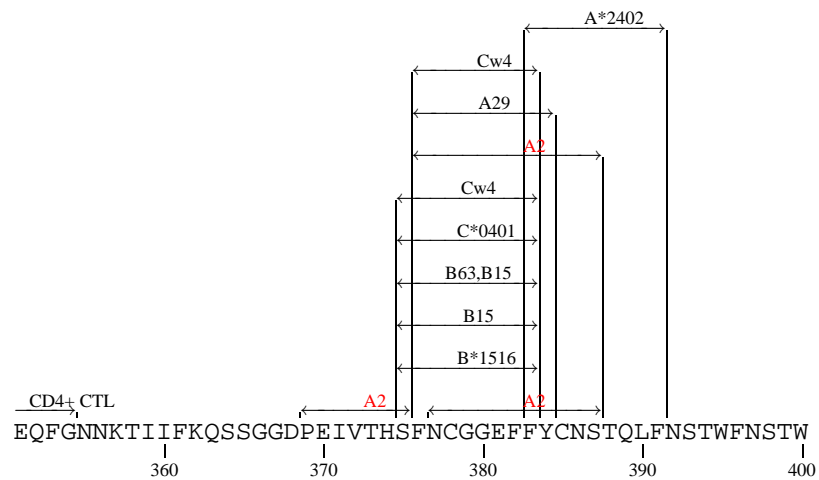
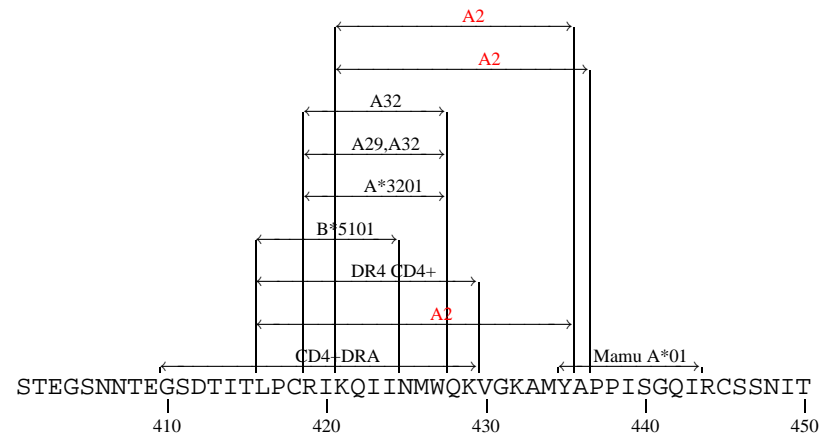
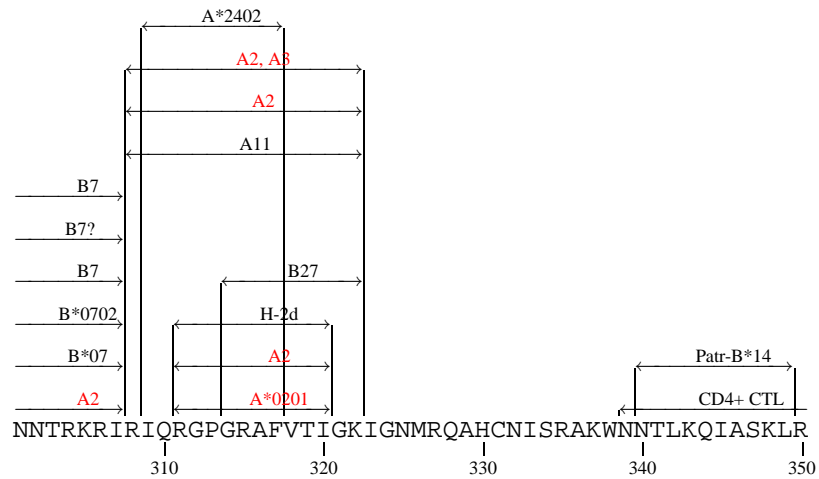


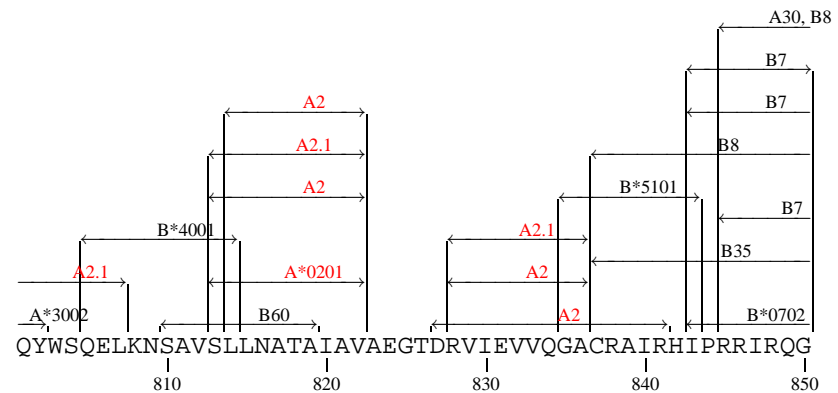
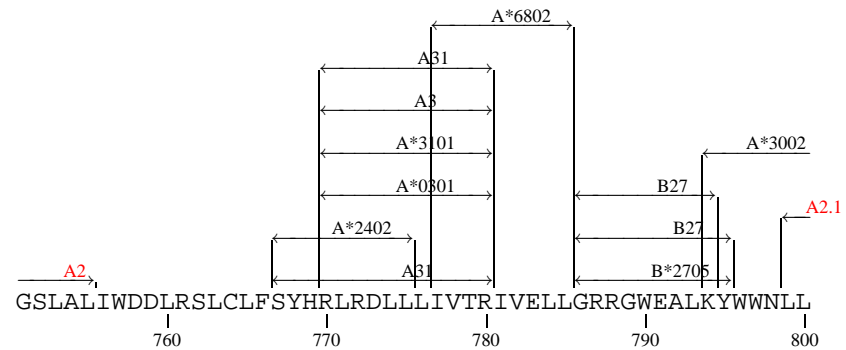
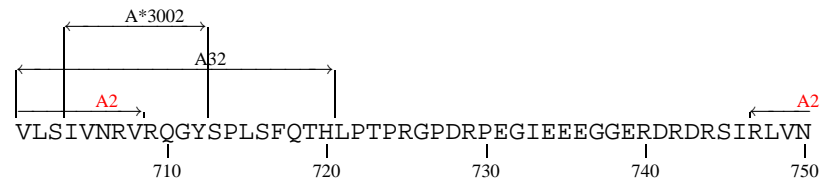
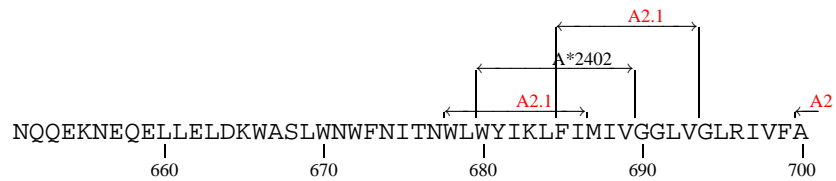
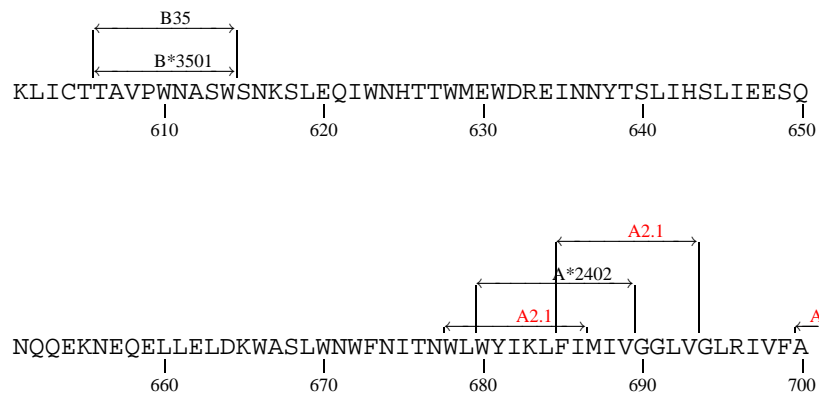
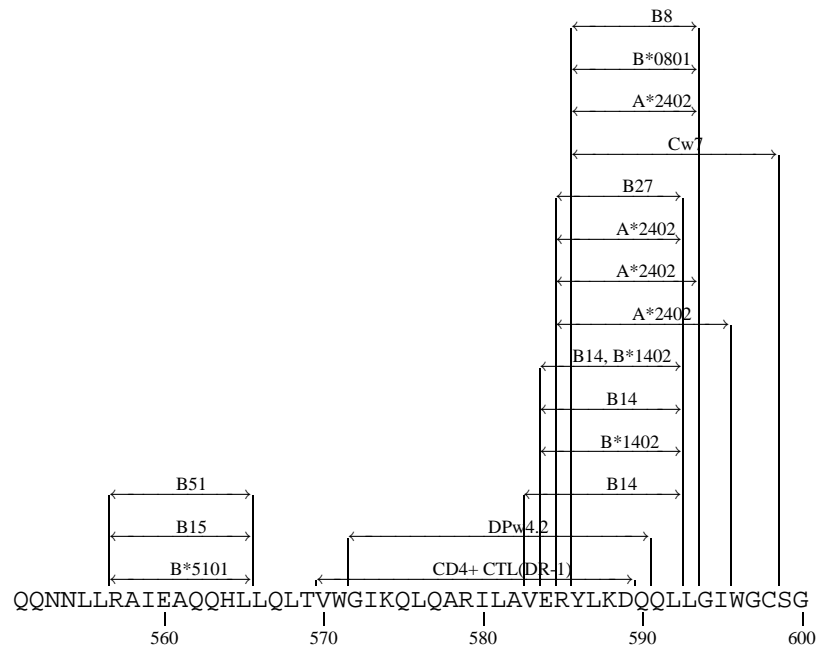
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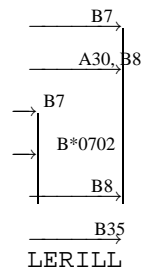


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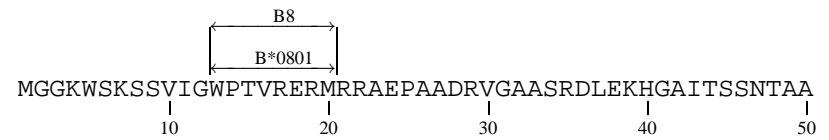


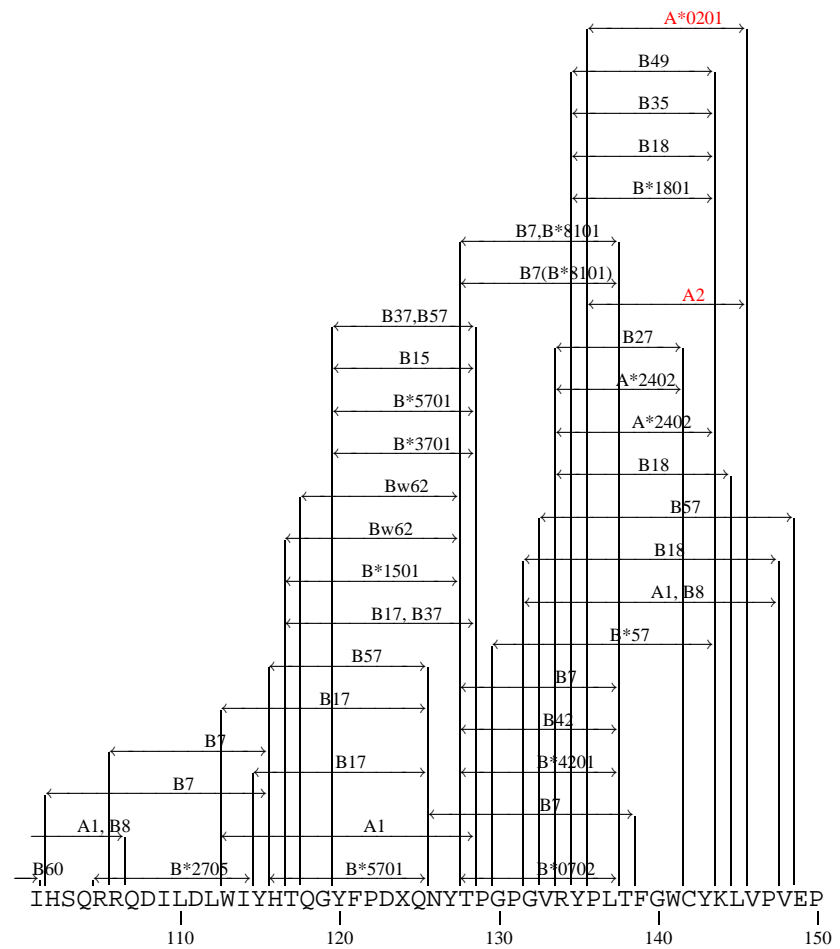
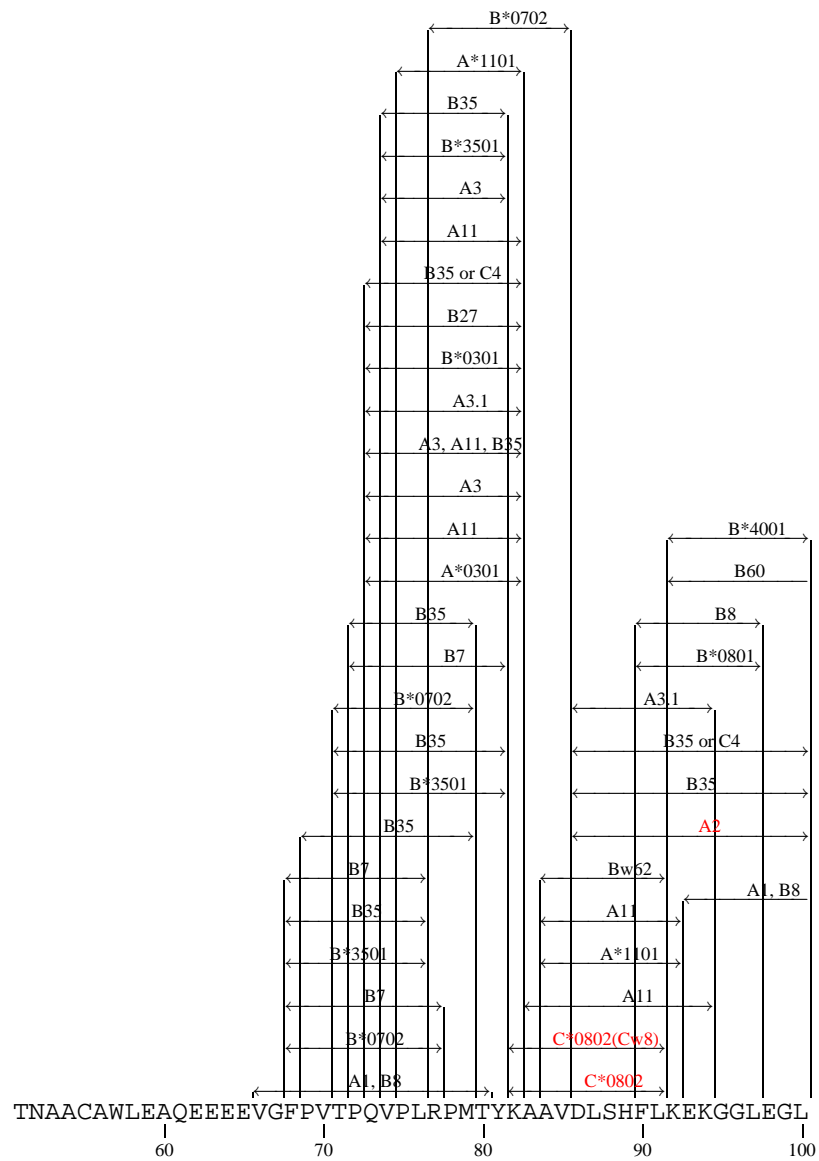


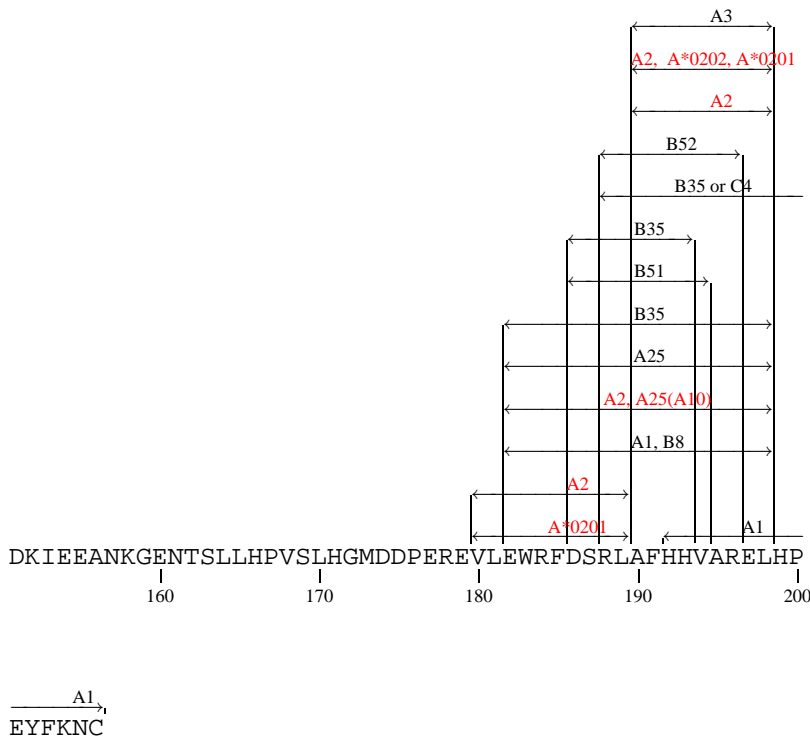


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